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Pressure on MP grows as broadcaster agrees to fight on anti-sleaze ticket BBC man Bell

to stand against Neil Hamilton

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, RUSSELL JENKINS AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE broadcaster Martin Bell is to stand as an anti-corruption candidate against Neil Hamilton, the Conservative MP at the centre of the cash-for-questions controversy.

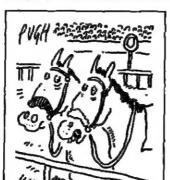
The decision, made in agreement with the local Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates who are to step aside, meant the pressure on Mr Hamilton to stand down was reaching breaking-point last night.

Dissidents within his Tatton party had already secured agreeent that there should be a secret ballot at his adoption meeting tomorrow night - and that in itself put a big question mark over his chances of survival. Now Mr Bell's decision means that Mr Hamilton may have to quit to ive the Conservatives any hope of retaining the seat.

If he goes, Mr Bell is expected to withdraw, leaving the Labour candidate Jon Kelly and the Liberal Democrat Roger Barlow to return to the fray.

The opposition party leaders were delighted last rug their coup in securing Mr Bell, a widely respected journalist who became a household figure as the BBC's white-suited war correspondent. His interest in fighting the seat was made known to Tony Blair's office by a photographer who works for the party and knows the journalist well. Mr Bell then spoke to Paddy Ashdown and Mr Blair's senior staff before travelling to the constituency yesterday to meet

They were apparently inpressed by his determination to



It's a crazy longshot. but d'you think it's worth putting anything on the Tories to win?"

make a stand on the issue of sleaze and after some discussions agreed that their candidates should stand aside. Mr Bell was a Young Liberal at university, but he has never been politically

The news of Mr Bell's readiness to stand came as the final blow to the Tatton Conservative Association. Most members have been loyal to Mr Hamilton, but there is increasing concern among them that the MP has become a liability. A recent ICM poll suggested

that Labour would give Mr Hamilton a close fight in the fifth safest Conservative seat in Britain, while an alternative candidate would enjoy a comfortable nine-point lead.

Tony Martin, the Tatton Assolocal officials of both parties. ciation treasurer, led the calls for a secret ballot to allow constituen-

cy members to register their views without appearing to be personally disloyal to Mr Hamil-

ton or his wife Christine. He said: "My personal view is that Neil Hamilton is innocent of the charges against him. I have taken these steps because the electorate does not share that view. He is an electoral liability. This seat, the fifth safest in the country, is now entirely loseable.

"An adoption meeting is normally just a rally. There is obviously a great deal of feeling against Neil Hamilton. The argument I put forward is that a lot of ople feel inhibited in expressing a view from social constraints because he is friends with a lot of them. It takes a brave person to stand up against them.

Laurance Hobday, a Macclesfield councillor, welcomed the secret ballot, although he said it would not affect the way he intends to vote. "It may allow other members of the association to feel a little freer to vote the way the electorate is telling them," he

"I spoke to a farmer about a completely separate matter the other day and asked him about whether he was a Conservative voter. he said 'yes' but he would not vote for Neil Hamilton. He said he would vote for virtually anyone but Mr Hamilton." Mr Hamilton said yesterday

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that he intended to make no



Cook takes Tory Eurosceptic line on the single currency

By OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

ROBIN COOK yesterday tried to outflank the Government on the single currency by virtually ruling out British membership under Labour during the next Parliament if it had not joined in 1999.

The Shadow Foreign Secretary took the position that Tory Eurosceptics have been urging John Major to adopt. The move was the latest campaign shift by Labour after a weekend in which it had been accused by the Tories of making policy on the hoof.

The two most significant changes. conversion to the princi-ple of privatisation and the dropping of key concessions promised to union leaders, were confirmed yesterday. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said that he would look at the possible sale of government assets, land and building worth billions of pounds. Leadership sources also said that there was no longer any plan

to give part-time workers the same rights as full-time workers. or to cut the time workers need to be in a job to be able to claim unfair dismissal.

Mr Blair will make the privatisation shift explicit today in a City speech. He will say that the presumption of his government would be "that economic activity is best left to the private sector".

Mr Cook's single currency intervention was seized on by the Tories as yet another gaffe. But it appeared to have been wellplanned. Rightwing Tory MPs were last night pressing for a fresh shift from the Government to match Mr Cook's move, and ministers, caught off-guard, were questioning whether he had been speaking without the backing of Mr Blair and Mr Brown.

It appeared unlikely that both were consulted by Mr Cook on the precise wording, but last night they were professing satisfaction at his remarks — in line with Mr Blair's statement that there were "formidable obstacles" in the way of entry in the first wave in 1999.

Mr Cook told LWT's Jonathan Dimbleby programme: "If you didn't join in 1999, it's very difficult to see a government that has taken the decision that Britain wasn't ready in 1999, coming to the decision that it would be ready by the year after or the year after that. Labour has made a commitment to have a referendum if joining a single currency

was contemplated. "I doubt whether any Government is going to have such a referendum immediately before a general election. So, in the event that Britain doesn't join in the first wave ... I would have thought the probability is that one is looking towards the subsequent

Crewman dies in fire on liner

A German crewman died when fire broke out on the Cunard liner Vista Fjord near the Bahamas, forcing nearly a thousand passengers and crew to prepare to abandon ship. The fire was put out when the vessel docked at Freeport three hours later.

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Defiant Aintree back under starter's orders

By RICHARD EVANS

THE Grand National, which had to be abandoned on Saturday after two IRA bomb hoaxes, will become a symbol of defiance today when it is run amid the tightest security ever at a British

sporting event. After a "Herculean effort" by police, who conducted an inch-

by-inch search of the 250-acre Aintree racecourse and checked 7,000 vehicles, ground staff began repairing damage to the

track yesterday. Thirty-six runners are expected to line up for the rescheduled race at 5pm today, which will be shown live by BBC Television. No private vehicles will be allowed on the course; all specta-

tors will be searched, and several parts of the track will be closed to the public.

Police are also stepping up security for three major sporting events next weekend: Sunday's FA cup semi-final at Arsenal's ground at Highbury, north London, the other semi-final in Manchester, and the London Marathon, in which 25,000

people will run. Yesterday, however, a determination to run the world's greatest steeplechase shone through all the chaos and havoc brought about by its postponement. "The race must be run for the sake of the Continued on page 2, col 8

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THE STATE OF THE S Loyalists burn down Catholic church

Hundreds of Roman Catholics celebrated Mass in a parish hall yesterday after their church was burnt down by loyalists in Randalstown, Co Antrim. Neighbouring Catholic churches lent an altar and vestments to allow Mass to be held in the hall across the road from St MacNissi's Church. The Most Rev Patrick Walsh, the Bishop of Down and Conor, who celebrated Mass in the hall, said the arson attack was "wanton destruction" and an "abomination"

In a veiled rebuke to the Rev lan Paisley, who has been stirring up anti-Catholic sentiments recently, the bishop condemned "much publicised anti-Catholic diatribes". He said: "There are people who are mouthing this day in and day out consistently. That is bound to have an effect on people's mentalities and ... can lead to something like this."

Pay-as-you-drive plan

A pilot car-share scheme to help to reduce congestion and pollution begins today in two districts of Edinburgh. One hundred householders, who will pay an annual fee of £120 to join, will have access to a pool of cars that they will be able to hire on an hourly, daily or weekly basis. The £230,000 scheme is mainly funded by the Transport Department.

Prison suicide warning

Overcrowding could increase the risk of suicide at Wandsworth prison, according to the Board of Visitors' annual report. Paul Infield, the board's chairman, said yesterday: "Prisoners are spending more time locked in their cells. One of the things that could happen when people are left alone with their thoughts is an increase in suicide."

BBC retrospective

Confidential footage from the BBC's private archive is being used in a four-part documentary, Auntie — The History of the BBC, to be broadcast this autumn. The series will cover the period from the BBC's formation in 1922 to the appointment of Marmaduke Hussey as chairman in 1986. Jeremy Bennett, an independent programme-maker, is the producer.

Oasis brothers' wealth

Noel and Liam Gallagher of the pop group Oasis have joined the ranks of Britain's richest men and women. according to The Sunday Times's list of Britain's richest 1.000. They enter the list at 461 with an estimated wealth of £40 million. However, last night their spokesman said the figure was wide of the mark and declared: "It's rubbish."

Missing pilot plea

The fate of an airline pilot who vanished from his yacht a year ago may be decided by a coroner. Detectives have failed to find any trace of Norman Harriss, a British Airways pilot from Tadworth, Surrey, and have asked for an inquest to be held. If this is agreed, the coroner would rule on what happened to Mr Harriss on April 4, 1996.

Learner driver code

Driving instructors are to get a code of conduct that could ban them from having any physical contact with their pupils other than an initial handshake. The Driving Standards Agency said the code was aimed at eliminating the potential for embarrassment. Last month a driving instructor was convicted of indecently assaulting a female pupil

Magistrates to fine high earners more heavily *

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

HIGH earners are to be fined more heavily under new guidelines for magistrates. An income of £30,000 a year is classified as high, £13,000 as average and £5,000 as low.

Advice to be issued this week to the 27,500 members of the Magistrates' Association says: "Punishment does not lie in the amount of the fine but in the degree of hardship and inconvenience caused by the need to pay."
The guidelines also recommend that an early guilty plea could cut a third off a fine or jail term.

They urge magistrates to treat racial motivation as an aggravating factor for many offences, including

assault, affray and household bur-glary. The guidelines, backed by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, and produced by the association and the Justices' Clerks Society.

are aimed at greater consistency.

Lord Bingham says: "I think it most important that, within discretionary limits, magistrates' courts up and down the country should endeavour to approach sentencing with a measure of consistency, and I have

no doubt that these guidelines will contribute powerfully to that end." The guide provides magistrates with charts to help them to decide the appropriate level of fine and jail. It suggests that a high income offender convicted of cultivating cannabis should be fined £540, compared with

£225 for an average earner and £90 for a low income offender. A high income earner convicted of being drunk and disorderly could be fine £270, compared with £115 and £45 for average and low incomes respective-

Driving without insurance could result in graduated fines of £1,300. £540 and £215. In drink-drive cases, the guidance gives the rate of alcohol in breath, blood and urine, and the corresponding length of disqualifica-tion and size of fines. A motorist with 80-125 millitres of alcohol in his or her blood would be disqualified for 12 months, but if on a high income the fine could be £1.080, compared with £450 and £180. The guideline fines for failing to stop and failing to report an

accident are £865 for a high earner. £360 for average income and £145 for low pay.

Magistrates are not forced to keep

to the recommended fines and each of the bookler's 52 pages carries the advice: "Remember: these are guidelines, not a tariff." In most cases magistrates will operate them. It is the first time the association has produced guideline fines linked to income. The figures follow the scrapping in 1993 of the Government's controversial "unit" fine system, under which fines were linked to the seriousness of the offence and an offender's disposable weekly income.

In other examples of the new advice, a high earner found guilty of criminal damage could be fined £810

compared with £340 for someone on average pay and £135 for a low income. Failing to surrender to bail could bring fines of £350, £150 and 660 respectively, and for careless driving £450, £180 and £75. A motorist convicted of driving with 161-195 millilitres of alcohol in the blood could be barned from driving for two years and fined E1,800, E750 or £300.

The income-related penalties for failing to produce motoring documents are £145, £60 and £25. The list also provides guidance on fines for motorway offences, including driving in reverse, where it recommends fines of £865, £360 and £145, and for stopping on the hard shoulder penal-ties of £300, £120 and £50.

Anglo-Irish elite given wide berth by embassy

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is turning its back on the remnants of its loyal servants in Ireland after the Ambassador to Dublin ordered the removal of Anglo-Irish aristocrats from the embassy's guest list.

In a stark reminder of the waning influence of the scions of the old Protestant Ascendancy, Veronica Sutherland has told her social secretary that the aristocracy and the landed gentry are no longer central to Irish society. The clipped tones of earls, and baronets have now been replaced at the ambassador's parties by the accents of Irish industrialists and leading lights from Dublin's musical and theatrical worlds.

The list of those who have come under the Ambassador's disapproving gaze reads like a Who's Who of the Anglo-Irish elite. The Earl of Mount Charles, whose forefathers fought with William of Orange at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, heads the list. It also includes Clementine Beite, a cousin of Nancy Mittord, who lives at the magnificent Russborough House in Co Wicklow, and Cholmeley

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lives at Emo Court in Portlagise.

Yet the members of the gentry and aristocracy all say that they were not aware that they had been removed from the embassy guest list, and they insist that they would never complain, were they considered unsuitable. However, the embassy has been inundated with calls from irate members of the landed gentry who wondered why they have been excluded from parties at Glencairn, the Ambassador's splendid Edwardian residence in the south Dublin suburbs.

One prominent peer spoke privately of his anger at the way in which Mrs Sutherland had ignored the Anglo-Irish since she took over as Ambassador in 1995.

He said: "The Ambassador has never sought my opinion. which means that she is not doing her job properly because she should be canvassing opinions of all strands of thought in Ireland. Previous ambassadors were always keen to hear what we had to

say."
The aristocrats point out that Mrs Sutherland, 57, is cut



Veronica Sutherland, who took over as British Ambassador to Ireland in 1995

from a different cloth to her Oxbridge-educated predecessors. Educated at the Royal School, Bath, she studied at the Universities of London and Southampton before join-

ing the Diplomatic Service in

One observer of the Dublin diplomatic scene said that the Ambassador had wanted a "new broom" to be taken to the guest list when she arrived in 1995. The observer said: "When the Ambassador arri-ved in Dublin she looked down the guest list and asked why so many people with Anglo-Irish connections were invited so regularly. She took a utilitarian view and said that more Irish people should be

invited." The Ambassador's new approach faced its first challenge

Wales during his historic visit to Dublin in 1995.

The Earl of Mount Charles. 45, who was once a regular at embassy parties, was initially left off the list until an official at the embassy pointed out that he qualified in his own right as a prominent Irishman regardless of his lineage. The earl, who is a leading member of the governing Fine Gael party who used to stagerock concerts at Slane Castle, was hastily added to the list.

barrister who is a veteran of embassy parties over 30 years, said that there were fewer Anglo-Irish at the parties because the elite was in decline. He said: "When I first went

Charles Lysaght, a Dublin

to the embassy there were more Anglo-Irish because they were a power in the land. Major businesses in Dublin were still in the hands of old

families. But that has all changed." Some of the new faces at embassy parties say that the guest lists for Mrs Sutherland's parties always have a well-chosen cross-section of Irish people. James Hickey, the chairman of the Abbey Theatre in Dublin, said: The parties have a fair old mix including captains of industry, senior civil servants and politicians, and people

from the theatre. The Ambassador has done an excellent job in bringing the parties up to date and making the embassy very accessible.

Mary O'Rourke, the deputy leader of the main opposition Fianna Fail party, described Mrs Sutherland as tremendously hospitable. The Ambassador always has a very interesting mix of people. She is very likeable," Ms O'Rourke

National

Continued from page I sponsors, Martell, the Grand National itself, and the nation," said Jenny Pitman, trainer of the runners Nahthen Lad and Smith's Band.

Charles Barnett, the clerk of the course, said: "We are overwhelmed by the support and encouragement we have received from so many quarters, and believe it right for the Martell Grand National to be rescheduled.

The message we are send-ing out is that this great race is part of the nation's heritage. It is one of the most important sporting events in the world. and it must go ahead."

About 25 ground staff from Aintree and Haydock who began to repair fences damaged by the departing crowd had to remove litter, bottles, and cans left behind.

Bottles had been smashed on the course by animal rights protesters, according to Philip Sharpe, the lad who looks after Suni Bay, one of the National favourites. "They say they care about animals, but they are hypocrites. They started smashing bottles and throwing bottles," he said.

At a press conference last night an exhausted Mr Barnett said that today's security operation at the course would be thorough. Everyone who attends the racecourse will be searched. which I'm afraid will not make it very easy. However. the police have assured us that they will do their best to be as speedy as they can.

We are endeavouring to set up arrangements for transport to the course as we will not , allow any private vehicles to park within the confines of the racecourse."

He said it was nothing short of amazing how well Saturday's evacuation had gone and the way the public had behaved.

"if someone told you to evacuate a 250-acre site on which there were 75,000 people, the logistics are quite staggering. The officials, the police, and the co-operation of the public were such, it became a very successful operation."

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Children learn to save but soccer kit still scores

BY ROBIN YOUNG

MILLIONS of image-conscious children have diverted their parents' spending away from traditional children's clothes to branded sportswear and replica football kits. Verdict, the retail market analysts, says the market for boys' clothes shrank by 2 per cent last year, while £150 million was spent on replica football

Despite this expenditure, children are becoming a generation of shrewd money managers. They are increasing their savings despite the first cut in their income for a decade, according to the annual pocket-money monitor is-sued by Wall's, the ice-cream

Children are subsisting on weekly parental grants averaging 7p less than in 1996, at £2.33.

Children's income from pocket money is not the only area to have suffered a decline. Their total weekly income, including earnings from paper rounds and odd-jobs and handouts from friends and relatives, has decreased by 7 per cent. Though children have worked hard enough to boost their earnings by 4 per cent, gifts and largesse from sources other than their parents have diminished by 5 per

stashing away money faster than before. The 1997 survey shows that 36 per cent now save their pocket money, compared with a mere 4 per cent in 1975 when the monitor began. Last year the amount being saved doubled, and this year,

Despite this, youngsters are

despite their straitened economic circumstances, children managed to boost their savings by a further 10 per cent. Sue Keane, a consumer psychologist, said: "Children are taking a much more responsible attitude toward their pocker money. With an election and uncertainty about the economy, children are reflecting their parents' caution, and saving more, rather than blowing everything on

short-term treats."
Though there has been a decrease in pocket money overall, girls are still receiving preferential treatment. Their pocket money averages £2.48, compared with £2.19 for boys. Scottish children get the

most generous treatment, receiving an average £2.95 in pocket money and £5.14 in total weekly receipts. Children in Wales and the West have to get by with £2.14 pocket money and an average of £3.56 in weekly income. It is unlikely that much of

children's prodigious saving stems from their preference for footballing kit and other sports-associated leisurewear. They are notoriously expensive and likely to cost more than the items of children's clothing they are increasingly replacing. Verdict predicts that the sportswear market, already worth £1.4 billion a year, will produce compound growth of 10 per cent a year into the next century.

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Merseyside wages its own war against IRA terrorists

By Carol Midgley and Russell Jenkins

HUNDREDS of Grand National racegoers faced spending a second night in Liverpool last night as attempts to retrieve thousands of stranded cars from Aintree turned to chaos. Drivers waiting outside the

course were first told by police that cars could be picked up at noon. The deadline was then put back to 3pm before police insisted cars not removed by 6pm would be locked in.

However when it became clear that the operation was not possible in the time they extended the deadline to midnight. There was further confusion when drivers turned up at the wrong gates to collect their vehicles. Some, who had left bags and jackets containing their car keys inside the main Aintree building were turned away.

A spokesman said vehicles not collected were to be removed. Owners would not be charged a fee."If it is not possible for people to get to Aintree to collect their belongings, the property will be gathered up and secured and kept at Aintree where it can be collected temorrow."

The chaotic scenes came as the people of Liverpool waged

attempting to become the Grand National for 60 years, rode three point-topoint winners in Dorset yesterday. His first visit to Aintree ended in a fivehour journey home in the back of a horsebox, sitting on an up-turned bucket, with Straight Talk, the horse he was due to ride. Sharing the journey were his parents and sister, and

Police, social services, voluntary organisations and ordinary citizens reacted swiftly to implement evacuation procedures for thousands of stranded Aintree racegoers which officials said was the biggest since the war.

More than 2,000 people spent the night in sports halfs, churches and schools as hastiarranged beds were marshalled around the city. An estimated 1,000 more were invited into private homes as police cordoned off their vehiles and belongings.

Vic Citarella, the director of Liverpool Social Services, said Operation Aintree had been



Bookies delighted at race decision

By Alasdair Murray

BOOKMAKERS greeted the decision to run the Grand National today with relief after Saturday's cancellation threatened to cost them about E5 million in lost profits. The National is the coun-

try's biggest flutter of the year, with the public laying out about £70 million in bets. If the race had been cancelled, the bookmakers would have been obliged to return all the money, losing potential profits from the race but still paying for the extra staff called in to deal with the additional business.

Most bookmakers are expected to offer punters the hance of withdrawing their bet ahead of the race this afternoon. Stakes that were placed after Saturday, March 29, on horses that do not take part in the race, may also be

On-course bets laid with the Tote, which have all been declared void, can also be reclaimed by applying to the address on the back. Mal-

colm Palmer, for Corals, is confident that about 99 per cent of punters will stick with their original bets. He also hopes that the bookmakers will receive some last-minute extra betting that will com-pensate them for the cost of calling in extra staff again

today. The main bookies could still be financially disappointed should one of the pre-race favourites win the National. William Hill has said that victory for Wylde Hide, quoted at 10-1, would result in the biggest National payout for many years. Jenny Pitman's two horses, Nahthen Lad and Smith's Band, have also proved popular with the

The betting industry has faced a torrid few years since the National was abandoned after two false starts in 1993. Competition from the National Lottery has hit horseracing turnover and a series of poor winters has hit the racing programme.

the largest scale emergency evacuation in modern times "I cannot think of an occasion where people have had to be accommodated on such a scale. For the social services

department it brings back memories of Hillsborough."

The procedures had fol-lowed the city and Sefton Council's emergency disaster plans. As many as 5,000 racegoers from all over the country woke up to be served breakfast by Merseyside's Good Samaritans and some even stayed for Sunday lunch

More than 20,000 were evacuated in a fleet of 100 buses and coaches from Aintree to Albert Dock and those who needed overnight accommodation were sent on to the council centres. Everton Sports Centre took 500 alone, They were fed burgers and chips and emerged rested, singing the praises of the city's residents as some prepared to enjoy today's "people's

Jenny Pitman, the trainer, said she welcomed the decision to run the race. "We cannot be held to ransom by these people and neither can

People who had to leave dogs in their vehicles overnight were escorted to the car parks in the centre of the course to retrieve their pets. One man was allowed to his car at 7am. A small brown terrier sat on the back seat.

Jimmy Hill, the broadcaster, who stood first in the queue with his wife to collect his car. put himself forward as the crowd's spokesman, "It is all very British," he said. "It is like the war. The more we are inconvenienced, the more we

Ron Rooney and his wife Joan had seen the drama on television. Mr Rooney, 59, said: "We had to do something to help. The television said there would be up thousands of people with nowhere to spend the night so we rang the radio station and offered our spare room.

They took in Julia Edgeworth, 20, a university student and Joe Jefferson, her boyfriend. By nine o'clock we were sitting in the lounge with Ron and Joan drinking lager and playing party games." she

Jim Regan and his son Dave were settling down in front of the television when the chaos began. By midnight on Saturday they had made over 300 cups of tea for evacuees.

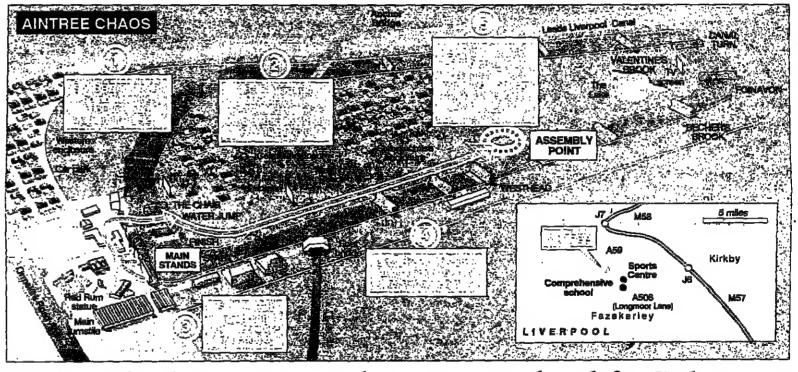
Mr Regan, 65, a retired engineer, said: People were roaming up and down our road like lost sheep. They were offering us money to use the toilet and the phone but we wouldn't accept a penny and invited them in for cups of

Aland Gregory, Everton Sports Centre manager, said: They ranged from children to pensioners and they were from all over the country. We had this worked out as part of the disaster emergency plan but we never envisaged anything quite like this."

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A harassed police officer directs racegoers towards their cars yesterday as the massive operation to clear the area by midnight got underway



Stranded punters champ at the bit

THE well-bred and down-at-heel camped out together, united by their temporary homelessness, unable to return to transport and belongings. We sat at chipped desks, on chairs made for another generation, wearing our creased racing suits and hats with prickly, un-washed embarrassment as the hours passed. It was more than a day since the cancelled race and in the school set up like a refuge from the Blitz, with volutiteers serving free tea, we waited for release from a most unsporting purgatory. Like many stranded punters, I had battled my way to Aintree through the

motorway misery inflicted by the IRA and then found helplessness at the same hands. There others who suffered more, like the man who spent the night in a hotel bath or another who sleet rough by Liverpool docks. But by yesterday afternoon, the stoicism was wearing thin. Three Grand National jockeys had Sportswriter Alan Lee shared the long wait

walked the streets, still in racing boots and breeches but now dishevelled and unshaven, mothers queued querulously for public telephones, fretting for children back home. And many warm-hearted Liverpudlians opened their homes to the

displaced and indisposed. It had all been very British at first. Saturday's withdrawal was well ordered and good natured. The humour was black but the mood about as fraught as an office fire drill. They wouldn't bomb the National, would they? There were some cries of complaint from high-heeled women and some posturing from their pint-clutching partners. But then a Ghurka band, banished like the rest of us, struck up as they marched and the crowd, unwilling to break up an annual party, danced their defiance.

Dusk was falling before most of us accepted we would not be going home. that the police were not completing an operation but expanding it. The streets of unfashionable Aintree were full of confusion as thousands competed for food, drink, transport and telephones. Incongruously, in a newsagent's shop, the only queue was for lottery tickets.

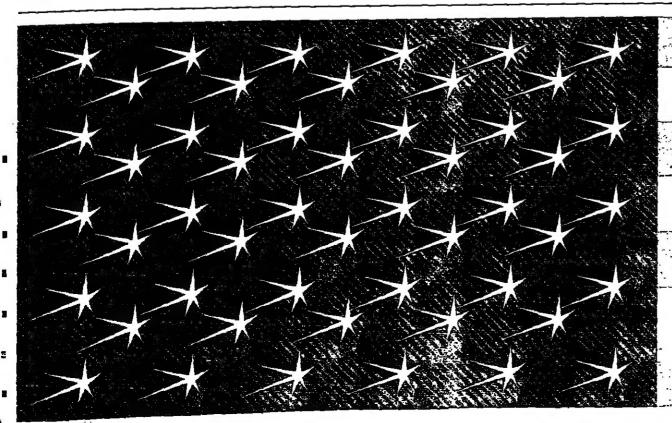
A sandwich board evangelist brandished his message, "Righteousness lifts a nation but sin is a disgrace to all". Two miles on, outside a motel where a receptionist was trying to clear her lobby of refugees, I met a woman who agreed. She was in her late seventies and had limped there from her Saturday shop near the course. "It's taken me three hours," she said. "And I'm supposed to be disabled. These people don't think of

Delay upsets the runners

BY RICHARD EVANS

THE autcome of the postponed race will hinge on how the likely 36 runners have coped with 48 hours of upheaval.

Nick Wingfield Digby, a Newmarket vet, said yesterday: "If their routine is broken, the horses are likely to suffer because their digestive system may be affected, particularly when they are in a strange environment eating strange food, or having their exercise regime drastically altered." Travel can also have a debilitating effect on some horses, who lose weight and



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Churches ask for single bishop in leap of faith

CLERGY of five denominations in Wales have put their historic differences behind them to ask for an "ecumenical bishop" who would oversee all their members in east

The proposal, certain to fierce opposition those who cherish their hard-won Protestant independence, would mean the first such bishop in the world. He would be appointed as an assistant to the Anglican Bishop of Monmouth, the Right Rev Rowan Williams, but would provide oversight in an area of 50,000 people for the Church in Wales, Methodists, Presbyterians, covenanted Baptists and the United Reformed Church. The proposal will be put to church leaders

Although the architects of the plan are optimistic, it is unlikely to meet with universal approval because of differences between the denominations over ministry and episcopal oversight.

Many Baptists and Presby-terians cherish their legacy of opposition to episcopal leadership, basing their arguments on biblical precedent. Many Anglicans, on the other hand, do not accept the ministry of those who have not been episcopally ordained.

The proposal will be debated this week by an episcopacy consultation of the World Council of Churches in Strasbourg. If successful in Wales. they would almost certainly be followed elsewhere in the

The bishop would have to be a man because the Anglicans in Wales have only recently voted for women priests and do not accept that women can be bishops. He would act as a focus of unity and oversight carrying out confirmations



Ahraham-Williams: said plan could end discord

and taking part in ordina-tions. Many Protestant churches are facing declining numbers and believe there is a new strength to be found in unity.

A paper outlining the scheme says the proposed area "has considerable mission po-tential and is considered by

for a strategic approach." The Rev Donald Knighton, chair-man of the South West District of the Methodist Church, said: "In this area of east Cardiff there are so many ecumenical partnerships be-tween the churches that they feel they need a leadership that is ecumenical rather than separate. This would be a breakthrough in the log jam in negotiations between episcopal and non-episcopal churches. This is very much a leap of faith, but we do have to take leaps of faith if we are going to be effective as

The Rev Gethin Abraham-Williams, a Baptist minister in the area, said that many Baptist churches had made a covenant in an attempt to seek unity, but unity had not been achieved. The question of bishops was a main stumbling block "If we would have a hishop in common, maybe



Robert Hardy and a campaigner dressed for action at the battlefield yesterday

7 1997 Actor adds voice to fight for battlefield

BY TIM JONES

ROBERT HARDY, the actor and authority on medieval warfare, appealed to the Government yesterday to stop a property developer building houses on an battlefield.

Hardy, the Battlefields Trust and other societies believe it is imperative that the planned development at Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, should be halted. The Battle of Tewkesbury, on May 4, 1471, is regarded as having been decisive in ending the Wars of the Roses.

Hardy said he was strongly opposed to the plans by Bryant Homes Mercia to build 62 houses on a part of the field known as the Gastons. "A battlefield is a very rare commodity, in a way as important as cathe-drals," he said. "They are charged with remembrances and electricity.

He boped that everyone opposed to the scheme would protest to Tewkesbury coun-cil. "And if that fails, then John Gummer the Environment Secretary should inter-vene and save this historical site for the nation."

council leader, said there was no evidence the area where the houses could be built was

Carey appeals for lottery funds

THE Archbishop of Canterbury will today appeal for National Lottery funding for nearly 170 country churches that want to repair their buildings and to run community projects. Representatives from the churches will meet in London today to rally support for £12.5 million Millennium Commission funding which has already been long-listed. The request comes while many in the churches still have doubts about the ethics of accepting

But Dr George Carey said: "I hope very much that the Millennium Commission will wish to offer its support to this venture and make so much else possible by using the past to celebrate the anniversary of our Saviour's birth, and through this programme to enrich the future for millions of our rural people."

The money would pay for tourist centres. Internet web sites, playgroups, concert facilities and other community projects at isolated churches.

Dr Carey said: "Strong community life is an important contribution to health and happiness, particularly for the young, for families and the elderly. The possibility of using the often-spacious church buildings for good purposes in addition to worship offers a new vision of Christian worship.

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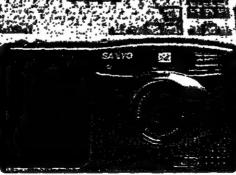
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Villagers reluctant to see the light

SPARKS are flying between neighbours in two tiny seaside settlements over the introduction of electricity. After almost 150 years in darkness the villagers of Ethie Haven in Angus have decided to forsake gas lamps and driftwood

Less than half a mile away. there is resistance among the people of Corbie. They feel that electricity threatens their traditional way of life, and say the new poles carrying power to Ethie Haven ruin their views of Lunan Bay.

fishing village in the 1850s, was bought up by Edinburgh professional people as fishing vessels outgrew the harbour. Comprising 14 stone cottages, hidden at the end of a two-mile farm track, "the Haen" became a popular summertime

retreat. By contrast, Corbie, a shanty town of wooden beach huts and abandoned caravans, was built in the 1920s. Like their neighbours, the "Corbies" have inherited their properties from their fathers and grand-

fathers and live there in summer and at weekends. Dave Jackson, 46, believes that electricity will change the place for ever. He said: "We have retained a sense of community that seems to go when you introduce televisions, telephones and fax machines. I think electricity will inevitably change the character of the bay. The poles on the headland are disgraceful. They

have spoilt the bay." Joy Mathews adds that the cable is buried further on: The Haeners paid the money to hide the cable from their own sight, but they would not pay extra to bury the lines across the headland."

At Ethie Haven, Bill Dickson, in his mid-70s, said: "I have been coming here since I was seven years old. Running water never changed us. Inside toilets never changed us. I do not see why electricity should change us.

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"I can understand why the Corbies are upset about the poles, but it would have cost about six times as much to bury the cable."



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Boy's skull cracked by concrete thrown at school coach

A BOY whose skull was fractured when a concrete block was thrown at his school coach was recovering in intensive care yesterday.

Ross Jelf, of West Bromwich, West Midlands, was hurt with his friend Richard Comery, both 14, as they were returning from a school skiing trip to Austria. The coach had just crossed the border into Belgium from Germany, Although Richard suffered leg injuries in the attack, he was well enough to return to his home in Great Bar. Birmingham, where he took part in a Duke of Edin-burgh Award Scheme walk yesterday.

Ross, who underwent a four-hour operation early on Saturday, is recovering at the Citadelle Hospital in Liège. His parents flew out on Saturday and were at his bedside yesterday. The hospital said that the boy was making a good recovery and could be well enough to be flown home

within the next few days.

Tony Comery, Richard's father, said that most of the children in the party of 44 from Dartmouth High School, Sandwell, West Midlands, were asleep when the Illb concrete slab was thrown on to their coach from a motorway bridge. It smashed through a skylight and hit Ross on the head, showering the other children with shards of glass.

Mr Comery, 46, whose son was treated for his leg injuries at the Herstal Hospital, near Liege, said: "Some youths threw a concrete brick and it went through the skylight of the coach. It bounced off Richard's leg and then hit Ross on the head.

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"Many of the children were sleeping at the time and were showered with glass, but according to Richard they were remarkably calm. Richard is



home now, but he is very concerned about Ross. He blames himself because he believes Ross would not have been so badly hurt if he had taken the full blow of the block." He said he insisted on going on the Duke of Edin-

burgh scheme walk. Mr Comery said he had spoken to Ross's parents. "We heard last night that he is OK. He has undergone an operation on his skull to relieve some pressure. It is not lifethreatening, but it is serious and we are all concerned about him.'

Keith Marsh, the headmaster of Dartmouth High School, who was not on the trip, said the school was saddened by the attack. He said he had spoken to Ross's mother by telephone yester-

day morning. Keith Watton, the coach driver, said: "Richard was not too bad, he was hobbling about, but Ross was in a bad way. It was a nasty cut. Everything was quiet on the bus. The teachers managed to keep the children calm." He added: "It could have been a lot worse. The concrete

slabs could have gone through the windscreen and knocked me out then we would have all

Mr Watton said: "I had taken over the driving about 40 minutes before. We were cruising along the three-lane motorway looking forward to the breakfast break when it happened. Most of the kids were asleep.

The motorway was clear

and I was going at about 55mph and had just overtaken a lorry and was driving in the slow lane when we approached the bridge.

"I saw the coach driver in front slam on his brakes so I knew something was wrong. Next thing you know I heard this loud bang. "I just thought one of the

side windows had gone through. I slammed on the brakes and pulled on to the hard shoulder. But when I turned round there was glass everywhere and these blocks of concrete all over the coach." Belgian police said that the

accident was caused by a footsquare concrete slab thrown from a bridge 115ft to 130ft above the motorway between Liège and Brussels at 5.30am. A police official said: "If the driver had been hit by the stone, the coach could have hit the barrier or overturned. It could have been a far more serious accident."

The spokesman said that they were treating the incident very seriously with 20 officers working on the case.

A Belgian lorry was slightly damaged by another slab and at least one more was thrown at a second coach. Witnesses said that they saw youths on the bridge at the time of the attack, but by the time police arrived they had disappeared. Rain prevented tracker dogs from picking up their trail, the



Francis Walker with his new guide dog. For nearly two years his wife was too upset to replace the previous one

Owners find pet's passing harder to take than relative's death

VETS are being increasingly called upon to counsel grief-stricken owners when their pets die. The loss of a dog or cat can be more devastating than the death of a friend or relative, the annual congress of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association was told at the weekend.

Janet Thomas, who spoke to delegates in Birmingham on bereavement counselling for pet owners, said that some could still be grieving years after the death. She knew of at least three clients who had committed suicide. On average, bereaved owners took six months to a year to come to terms with their loss.

"With the disappearance of the extended family, we are seeing more single and elderly people living on their own. sometimes not even knowing who their next-door neighbour is." Mrs Thomas said. "For such people a companion animal is often a lifeline, offering a kind of idealised human relationship.

Ms Thomas, a vet at Oldham, Lancashire, began studying the subject after seeing men break down in her consulting rooms. "I found this difficult to handle," she said. "Yet these were men who probably would not have been so openly emotional about the death of another human being.
"This was something for which my

veterinary training had not prepared me in any way. Bereavement counselling still has no place in the undergraduate curriculum at veterinary schools.

"The lack of any funeral procedure or other accepted ritual for formally marking the end of a pers life, often with no grave or known resting ground, deepens the sense of loss." Deciding to have a sick pet put down could be particularly traumatic. "I have heard clients use the word murder. Feelings of guilt can be profound and vets can cause huge distress by unintentionally insensitive or flippant-sounding remarks."

Vets could help by being good listeners. "A lot of it is simply not being embarrassed or shocked — for example, by people disclosing that they sleep with a dead pers ashes under the pillow or

keep its body in the deep freeze."

Greta Walker, 71, was devastated when her blind husband's guidedog, a golden retriever called Ellis, had to be put down because of ill-health four years ago. It was 20 months before she could bring herself to get a replacement, even though her husband, Francis, badly needed one. "I cried an awful lot and felt deeply depressed," she said. "Just looking at a photograph, or meeting people in the street who asked me where Ellis was.

would be enough to set me off."

She was helped by Maureen Hennis. one of eight voluntary bereavement counsellers working for Pro Dogs, a charity based at Aylesford, Kent. Mr and Mrs Walker now have a good relation-

ship with a new guidedog. Lincoln.

Mrs Hennis said: "I get about five or six calls a week from people from all over the country. Having to put a sick animal to sleep is undoubtedly one of the most stressful situations. Owners can feel desperately guilty. I try to help them by getting them to accept euthanasia as their last act of love for their pets."

Man on murder charge missing

HOME CORRESPONDENT

A MAN accused of murder was on the run last night after police officers failed to notice that he had not reported to them under his bail conditions

for almost three months. Two officers face disciplinary action over the disappearance of the man, who had been ordered to check in daily at Skipton police station in North

The man was given bail last September, and was the only person reporting to Skipton police station. He last checked in on January 13, but was found to have jumped bail only when he failed to turn up for a doctor's appointment last month. The doctor informed his solicitor who alerted police at Skipton.

Judge Walsh, Recorder of Leeds, ordered Superintendent Ron Underhill, officer in charge at Skipton, to Leeds Crown Court to explain what had happened. He told the police officer: "I regard this as a serious matter. This was a man who was granted bail because the circumstances warranted it. I would have thought that if the police officers took their duties seriously - knowing that the man was on bail for murder - with strict conditions, as soon as he broke those reporting conditions they would have notified their superiors who would have notified the Crown Prose-

cution Service." Judge Walsh directed that the suspect's identity or details of the case should not be disclosed in order to ensure a fair trial.

He added that the public should not be alarmed about the man's disappearance. "All I can say is that I profoundly hope that the police repair the damage, and speedily," he

Mr Underhill told the judge that he had no plausible explanation for what had happened.

Hopes of dinosaur clone face extinction

By Nigel Hawkes

HOPES of reconstructing dinosaurs from DNA preserved in amber are likely to remain science fiction, researchers at the Natural History Museum in London have shown. The method inspired the film Jurassic Park, in which scientists recreated the dinosaurs from fragments of DNA preserved in the stomachs of blood-sucking insects.

There have been claims that DNA has been recovered from insects tens of millions of years old preserved in amber, the fossilised resin of trees. But a team from the museum is soon to report that its efforts to repeat these observations have

Taking precautions against contamination and using a range of methods, Dr Jeremy Austin and colleagues have tried to detect DNA from bees several thousand years old preserved in resin, and from ees 30 million years old preserved in the amber evenually produced by the resin. They will report in Proceed-ings of the Royal Society that the only DNA they have found is of fungal or human origin. No trace of the original bee DNA remains. Amber is permeable to gases and some liquids, making it unable to keep the DNA intact. The



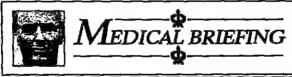
Jurassic Park is still only science fiction

museum's result is in contrast with some widely-publicised claims from other researchers: including George Poinar of the University of California at Berkeley, the original inspira-tion for Michael Crichton's novel Jurassic Park. In 1993 Professor Poinar reported finding beetle DNA from a specimen 125 million years old. DNA has also been reported from a magnolia leaf 17

termite 25 million years old. With a technique called polymerase chain reaction. minute fragments of DNA can be multiplied until they reach detectable size. The trouble is that any trace of contamination, such as a flake of skin, is also multiplied and can produce a false result.

The museum's findings will disappoint many scientists, not because they expected to reconstruct dinosaurs, but because they hoped that studying ancient DNA would be useful in understanding relationships between groups of animals.

Greek snails in olive oil the long-life recipe



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE large southern Greek snall contains the most health-giving fats in just the correct proportions, and its regular consumption, after being cooked in olive oil, may be one of many factors that makes Cretans the longest-living people in Europe.

Doctors discussing 50 years of research into the million years old, and from a Mediterranean diet have been told that the average family in Crete, where they are meeting, still eat snails cooked in olive oil three times a week.

In southern Greece olive oil is used plentifully in cooking, and olives are eaten with plenty of rough bread, a wide variety of green vegetables and fruits as well as fish, cheese, mutton and red wine.

During the Second World War, when rationing restricted people's choice of food, a marked reduction in heart disease in Europe was noted. In consequence, in 1947 scientists recruited 10.000 middle-aged men from 16 centres in seven countries to study the relationship between their food, lifestyle and health.

Medical theories are often rediscovered and one of Napoleon's doctors. Professor Corvisart, recommended a diet that is remarkably similar to the one being analysed in Crete this week. Corvisart not only praised the use of olive oil. suggested a reduction in animal fat and the avoidance of "too plentiful a table", but understood the importance of having the opportunity "to satisfy the natural affections" and the virtues of regular exercise. Samuel Black, an early

19th-century Irish physician in Newry, Co Down. was much influenced by Corvisart's book after his friend, a Mr Carson, collapsed and died while drinking chocolate. At his post-mortem examination

Dr Black was surprised to find that Mr Carson's coronary arteries were so calcified that they resembled the stem of a clay pipe. Thereafter, the arteries were prominently displayed in Dr Black's house and acted as a warning to his other friends and patients to follow his advice.

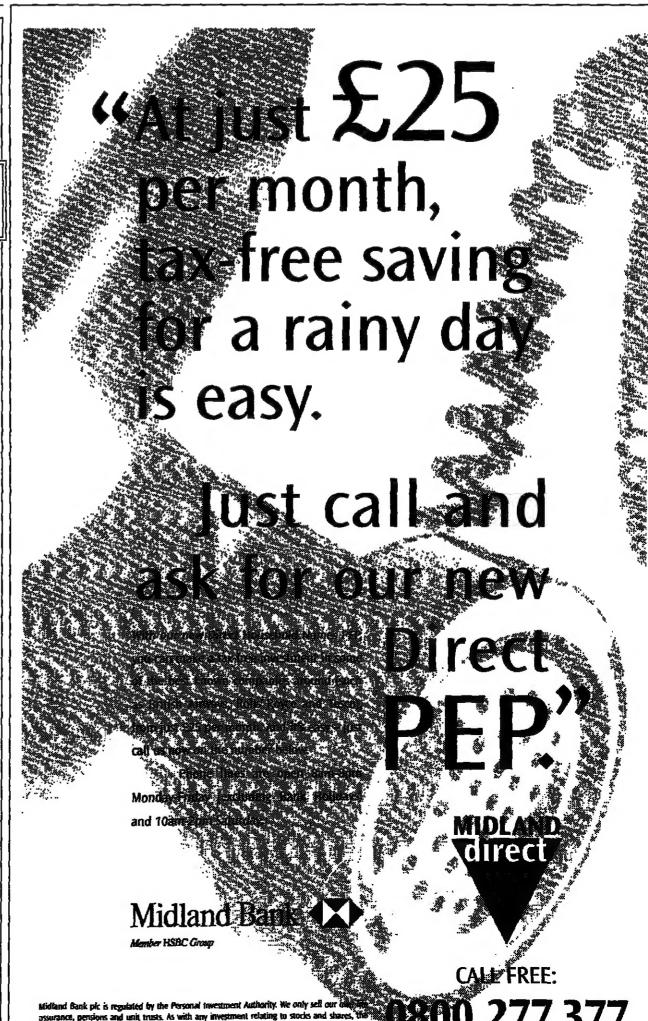
Alun Evans, of Queen's University, Belfast, continues to teach the importance of Dr Black's theories, now suitably modified, and lectured in Crete on the effect on health of the differences in lifestyle in northern and southern Europe.

Variations in diet and exercise interact with genetic factors and result in a death rate from heart disease four times greater in Northern Ireland than southern France. There is a fivefold greater likelihood of dying from coronary heart disease in North America or northern Europe than in the southern parts of Europe where the traditional Mediterranean diet is still taken.

The advantages of the liberal use of olive oil to prevent coronary heart disease and cardiac arrhythmias is increasingly well understood. Olive oil is a mono-unsaturated fat, avoiding the problems related ed fats, and it has the advantage that its use for thousands of years has failed to reveal any side-

Professor Evans is keenly interested in the value to health of the natural antioxidants in the Mediterranean such as those found in olives and tomatoes.

The variety of vegetables and fruit eaten in southern Europe also helps to ensure good health: whereas a traditional northern European chooses from about 15 green vegetables, in Crete more than 100 different wild or cultivated plants are still eaten regularly.



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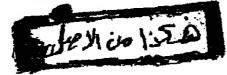
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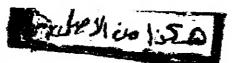
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Brown plans to raise £122bn with sale of state assets

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN, the Shadow Chancellor, yesterday announced that he was pre-paring an extensive sell-off of state assets valued at up to £122 billion as Labour finally ditched its historic opposition to privatisation.

Mr Brown said that he would immediately set up a swift inventory of property, land, plan, machinery and other assets held by government departments to root out waste and inefficiency.

His aides also made clear that he would consider any privatisations, including

ABOUR SBACK HOLES

GORDON BROWN has consistently denied Tory taunts

that there is a £12 billion gap between his spending plans for 1997-98 and 1998-99 and those put forward by the Government, (Jill Sherman writes). The Tories have derived the figure, which they have dubbed "the £12 billion

black hole" from a number of different areas, including

shortfalls in Labour's privatisation receipts, spending pledges and tax cuts. Labour rebutted these claims until

last Thursday when Mr Brown admitted for the first time

that there was a £1.5 billion gap in his plans for 1998-99.

PHYATISKING STATE TONE

The Tory charge: Labour faces a £1.5 billion shortfall on

privatisation receipts in year two, 1998-99. The Tories are

planning to sell off some unspecified Next Step agencies

and the National Air Traffic Control, which would raise

£0.5 billion. They also plan to raise £480 million on private

Labour, the party says it would now consider privatising

the air traffic control system and will keep private finance

The Tory charge: Labour has said it would repeal cutbacks

Labour: now says its will keep the cuts, unless it can make

Colling CHEBRIC STREET

The Tory charge: Labour would spend £2.5 billion in each of two years by allowing local councils to spend receipts

from the sale of council houses. Labour says that the

commitment would only cost Elbillion, will be phased and

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The Tory charge: Labour's plans to end youth unemploy

ment, to bein the long-term jobless and to change benefit

rules to let people work more hours before losing State

help, would cost over £1.6 billion in each of the two years.

Although this would be offset by Labour's plans to introduce a windfall tax, the Tories say this would bring in

Labour: says £3 billion windfall tax would cover the costs.

THE TAXABLE PROPERTY.

The Tory charge: VAT cut from 8 per cent to 5 per cent

would cost £340m a year. Labour say this would be paid for

by tackling tax abuse loopholes, and ending tax relief on

private medical insurance for over-60s.

would be no additional public spending.

finance in the NHS and claim Labour is not.

in lone parent benefits worth £60 million.

savings in other social security areas.

only £600 million a year.

Channel Four, Parcelforce and other Royal Mail agencies, and the National Air Traffic Control system — sell-offs they have previously strongly op-posed. London Underground is the only privatisation that would not be an option.

In a final break with the party's former commitment to nationalistion, Tony Blair will say to businessmen today: Where there is no overriding reason for preferring the public provision of goods and services - particularly where those services operate in a competitive market - then the

presumption should be that economic activity is best left to the private sector, with market forces being encouraged to

Mr Blair's speech in the City will underline not only his party's conversion, but his own. In 1986 he said: "Privatisation is destroying the idea of public service in Britain. The interests of consumers are being sacrificed on the altar of big business."

Labour's business manifesto, to be published this week, makes no bones about the Labour leadership's intention. As soon as Labour takes office there would be a comprehensive spending review, matched by a "thorough and speedy national inventory of the assets owned by central govern-ment. We will not hold assets that have no further use or allow the wasteful duplication of resources across departments. If there is no need for departments to hold property, land or other assets, they will be required to sell them".

Mr Brown, speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend, added: "I am certainly going to apply, in the iron grip that we will have on public spending and the use of public resources, a clear test. If it is of no use to the public sector, if there is duplication of resources, we will sort it out."

Mr Brown is already questioning why employment of-fices, social security offices and regional government ofcoexist in some towns and cities. "We are sure that, as well as improving the efficiency with which assets are used and as well as reallocating within depart-ments, we will also be able to release several billion pounds over the lifetime of the next Parliament," Mr Brown's spokesman said.

Labour has been working for the last eight months with a top accountancy firm to assess the use of assets within government departments. Labour sources made clear the review could be used to free resources for front line services, such as teachers and doctors. Aides also made clear that both the Health Department and the Ministry of Defence, which owns vast areas of land, could be the first targets.

But the proposals were sharply attacked by both Democrats and the Tories, Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman doubted that the selling-off of assets to raise money "on the cheap" was in the interests of the taxpayer.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, claimed Labour was now in full retreat. The revelation shows that our attacks on the \$12 billion black hole at the heart of Labour's public expenditure plans have thrown Labour high command into total

Mr Heseltine said Mr Blair's comments signalled the abandoning of "its historic and consistent opposition to privatisation". Mr Blair was "casting aside his principles like ballast from his sinking



Lady Thatcher pays tribute to Major's 'magnificent years'

POLITICAL EDITOR

BARONESS THATCHER delivered her strongest tribute to John Major yesterday, praising his "magnificent stewardship" of the past six years.

She told 300 Conservative candidates and MPs at Conservative Central Office in London that it was thanks to Mr Major and the Government "that we have such a high level of prosperity and a high reputation in the world". She said:

'I am here to support him." Lady Thatcher, who in private over the years has been less than enthusiastic about her successor, appeared determined to kill any suggestions that she would be happy if Tony Blair reached Downing Street. She spoke of a return to trade union "bully boys" and the handover of Parliament's powers to Brussels if Labour won power.

Lady Thatcher said that Britain's prosperity and its high reputation "didn't just happen". "We Conservatives made it happen. The Conservatives have convictions, fundamental beliefs to serve the people and to create a framework of law within which enterprise and responsibility can flourish.

Her warmth for Mr Major was clear. But it was plain that she was also motivated by a desire to protect her legacy. She said it was because of the Conservatives' beliefs that the party was able to cut taxation so that people kept more of their money to spend on their families.

She added: "We cut the power of the trade unions and most of the trade unionists were with us. It was only the bully boys who fought against it. We privatised industries because governments do not know how to run them. Only industry knows that. And we fought communism and together with the USA we brought it down. It was all because of our convictions, and we had no fellow travellers in the Labour Party."

She spoke of Labour's "conversion of convenience", but said that "whatever the soft words, Labour is still interventionist in its very psyche". She attacked Gordon Brown's plan to bring in a windfall tax on the privatised utilities, describing it as "a tax on success", which would take away money that could be used for capital investment.

She described Mr Blair's plan to sign Britain up to the European Union Social Chapter as socialism by the back door. "The Social Chapter is a way of imposing the socialist model on this country. If there isn't socialism through the front door, it will come through the back door. We would suffer every single regulation that the European socialist bureaucracy would wish if Labour was allowed to get its way. Even now they are discussing how to increase majority voting and reduce the power of the veto."

Lady Thatcher added: "In the next three months the destiny of our country will be set for a decade or longer because of the inter-governmental conference in Amsterdam. They will try to take away the veto; that is why we must see our Prime Minister John Major and our Government returned at this election, so that there can be no diminishing power of the nation state.

Youth vote impressed by image above ability

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

POLITICIANS seeking the youth vote should smarten their image instead of worrying about their manifestos. according to psychologists. Young voters rate integrity and charisma as the most important qualities in a political leader and place less value on their competence.

Professor Mark Pancer and his colleagues, of Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, say that personalities count for more than policies in an election. The researchers com-pared the attitudes of three groups of students from Canada, America and Britain to 15 national and international political and public figures. The students were asked to rate each figure on a set of 40 characteristics grouped into four categories of integrity. charisma, competence and

The study, carried out in 1993, showed that John Major was ranked lower for charisma than any other national or international political or public figure. His score of 2.31 fell below that of Prince Charles at 2.67. The highest score awarded by the British voters, 3.59, was held jointly by President Clinton and the pop star Madonna.

On integrity, the highest rating from the British group went to John Smith, then leader of the Labour Party Baroness Thatcher was rated highest on strength and competence, closely followed by Boris Yeltsin. The students were also asked to rate their overall impression of each leader or public figure on a "feeling thermometer" by giv-ing them a score out of 100. The students were told that a score above 50 indicated warm feelings while below 50 indi-

British voters judged both national and world leaders more harshly than either their American or Canadian counterparts. No public figure scored over 50 in Britain compared with four who exceeded this score in both America and Canada.

The findings, presented to the British Psychological Society's conference in Edinburgh yesterday, showed that integrity was the most important determinant of voters' overall feelings. Although Lady Thatcher scored highly on strength and competence, she was ranked lowest overall.

Professor Pancer said British and American voters appeared not to care whether their politicians could do the job, so long as they were honest. "There doesn't seem to be a very strong relationship between who they see as hardworking, capable and experienced, and who they rate highest overall. Integrity is the most important factor — being honest, caring, trustworthy, and open minded."

Professor Pancer said the findings showed that Mr Major should show leadership and put principles above cronyism. "There is a tremendous concentration on sleaze in this campaign which is a natural outgrowth of the concern with personality. Character attacks are effective. Mud sticks."

SCHOOL SHIP THE STREET WITH THE STREET The Tory charge: Labour to spend £640m on school repairs. Labour says private sector would bear some of the cost through local authority partnership rules and there

STATE ON SHEET ON

The Tory charge: Labour faces a £1.9 billion shortfall from its plans on student loans. Labour: says that the risk of lending should be transferred to the private sector but gives no figure on cost.

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14. Foreign policy

Labour aims to outflank Tories on human rights

FOREIGN policy does not win elections. Unless there is a national humiliation or resounding triumph - Suez or the Falklands - voters rarely focus on the world beyond Britain. While Europe will be covered later in the campaign in an election guide of its own, today's guide focuses on relations with the rest of the world.

Beyond Europe there is little division between the parties. On the broad themes - relations with the United States, arms control, Nato, support for Eastern Europe, the United Nations, the global environment and the expansion of world trade - Labour policy differs only imperceptibly from that of the

Arguments over foreign policy tend to be within parties more than alliances. The war in Bosnia was a classic example: support for the Foreign Secretaries, Gerald Kaufclassic example: support for the Muslims and calls for intervention against the Serbs united many on the Left with those on the Right. Other contentious regional issues

— Cyprus, the Arab-Israeli conflict, Kashmir and Hong Kong - divide

MPs into cross-party lobby groups bitterly at odds with each other. There has been little debate about foreign policy in the past five years for two main reasons. Firstly, Douglas Hurd attempted to steer a bipartisan course and was able, with a patrician image and the suggestion that he was a "safe pair of hands", to imply that government policy reflected a national consensus. Europe was the exception. Secondly, Labour gave low priority to a field so barren in opportunities for partisan advanman and Jack Cunningham, were not party heavyweights and made little public impression.

For almost a year after his appointment, Robin Cook gave every indication that he did not want the job and was itching for a return to the cut-and-thrust of domestic politics. It is only in the past six months, with the apparent inevitability of his move to the Foreign Office, that he has shown mastery of the detail, especially on the imminent issues of Hong Kong and the EU inter-governmental

Mr Hurd hoped to stimulate a national debate in 1995 with the sponsorship of an academic conference on Britain's place in the world. His aim was to identify British

THE POUTICS

diplomatic and global strengths, boost public support for peacekeep-ing. English language broadcasts and teaching and, more pointedly, send a message to the Treasury that the Foreign Office budget, one of the smallest in Whitehall, could not be cut further without harming Britain's political and commercial interests. But the conference produced little - largely because it was wholly unconter

Labour supports the increasing use of British troops for peace-keeping, the goodwill generated by the British Council and the BBC, and the need for diplomacy to focus on export promotion. It is concentrating its campaign, therefore, on two areas where the Conservative

elopment and human rights. Bar-oness Chalker of Wallasey. oness Chalker of Minister for Overseas Development, has held the same job longer than any other minister, a forceful advocate for Africa and of tying aid to good government. But under the Conservatives,

overseas aid spending has fallen from 0.51 per cent of GNP to an alltime low of 0.29 per cent. Labour promises to raise this amount to 0.7 per cent, the target set by the United Nations. It also promises to recreate a separate Cabinet-level Ministry of International Development, and to target aid to the world's poorest nations. It criticises especially the funnelling of aid to wealthier nations, and the Government's actions over the Pergau dam in Malaysia as an illegal linking of Labour also intends to take a more robust line. The Conservatives have strongly criticised abuses in Nigeria, Burma and China.

But Mr Cook has promised to recommend full oil sanctions against the military regime in Nigeria and intends to make human rights a more decisive yardstick in dealing with other countries. The obvious targets are the sheikhdoms of the Gulf, where Labour believes that Britain has turned a blind eye to abuses in order to safeguard lucrative con-tracts. Whether Labour would risk offending Saudi Arabia and jeopardising huge arms exports remains unclear.

In several areas Labour intends to outflank the Conservatives by emphasising support for causes

Age: 50

Edinburgh.

■ MALCOLM RIFKIND

Education: George Watson's College, University of

Family: married, one son, Experience: QC, MP for

Edinburgh Pentlands since 1974. Foreign Secretary since 95. Parliamentary Un-dersecretary at Scottish Office, 79-82; Minister of State

at Foreign Office, 83-86; Scottish Secretary 86-90; Transport Secretary 90-92;

Defence Secretary, 92-95.
Politics: determinedly cen-

trist, having moved to Right from earlier Euro-enthusi-

Education: Aberdeen

Grammar, Royal High

School, Edinburgh, Univer-

sity of Edinburgh. Family: married, two sons.

Experience: MP for Living-

ston since 1983, MP for

Edinburgh Central 74-83.

Shadow Foreign Secretary

since 94. Previously Shad-

ow Trade and Industry

Secretary, 92-94; Shadow

Health and Social Services

Secretary 87-92. A member

Politics: on Left but com-

t Labour's Nation tive Committee and its Nat-

ional Policy Forum.

ROBIN COOK

Age: 51

Tories. Mr Cook insists he will increase support for the British Council and the BBC World Service, though no budget figures are given. A more emotional issue is the Commonwealth. Labour believes that the Conservatives were so antagonised by Commonwealth opposition to British policy towards apartheid South Africa that they have since written off this 53-nation

Labour promises to do more to revive political and economic links. use the Commonwealth to advance Third World interests and show greater solidarity with Commonwealth members at the United Nations, also a body it accuses the Conservatives of neglecting.

> asm. Ambitious and now positioning himself as com-

> able, effective and able

promise party leader. Performance: knowledge-

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Two views of Britain's place in the world

FOR the past 18 years Britain has consistently "punched above its weight", the Conservatives claim. The turning point, they insist, was the 1982 Falklands War. This not only won Britain global military and political credibility but also engaged Margaret Thatcher's interest in foreign affairs for the first time. The claim is based largely

on the extraordinary set of circumstances in the 1980s that gave Britain a unique influence in Washington at a time when West Germany had limited room for manoeuvre and France still dreamed of an independent world role.

Lady Thatcher forged a particularly close relationship with President Reagan — so much so that she was able to influence his decisions on arms control. East-West diolomacy and Nato strategy. The Gulf War reinforced this, with British participation vital. The strong links continued under President Bush and John Major. They ended abruptly with the election of President Clinton, who made little secret of

his dislike of Mr Major. After the cataclysmic collapse of communism, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War, the world has been relatively peaceful. Nelson Mandela was elected President of South Africa; Israel and the Palestinians signed the Oslo accords: Cambodia negotiated a peace settlement: and democracy was consolidated in Latin America and much of Eastern Europe. But one intractable issue dominated British foreign policy and preoccupied the Western alliance: the war in Bosnia.

When fighting began in 1992, Britain's swift offer of troops and visible involvement in the humanitarian convoys established its vital role in the international response. Britain and France. with the largest troop contingents, began a period of mili-

tary co-operation, with lasting political and military implications. From the start, Douglas Hurd, then Foreign Secretary, was determined that Britain would not be sucked into the hostilities: he sensed there was no public support for intervention, despite revulsion at the pictures of ethnic cleansing and Serb ill-treatment of Bosnian Muslims.

Denouncing the something must be done" clamour for an interventionist role for the United Nations troops, he was also adamant that any lifting of the arms embargo would only fuel more savage fighting and make the UN forces targets for Bosnian Serb fighters. He would not, he famously remarked, tolerate a "level killing field". •

His stand, shared by the European allies - though opposed by Lady Thatcher, now out of office, who called for a sharp military response -brought Britain into conflict with the Clinton Administration, which wanted to arm the mainly Muslim Bosnian Government. One of the most serious transatlantic disputes since Suez developed. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, tried in vain to change European opinion; the rift soured relations between Britain and America and exacerbated reports that the Clinton Administration had not forgiven Mr Major his apparent backing for George Bush dur-ing the 1992 presidential election campaign.

Bosnia highlighted two other preoccupations of Western policy: establishing a co-operative relationship with Russia. and formulating a new role for Nato. Britain has taken a lead in encouraging market reform in Russia: for the Conservatives, the Russians' admiration for Lady Thatcher and their readiness to begin huge



privatisation programmes were an opportunity to demonstrate Britain's pioneering experience. The Know-How Fund set a pattern as one of the more successful ways of helping post-communist economies. Labour supported the outreach to Russia.

All the main parties in Britain agree on the need to retain Nato as a lynchpin of American involvement in Europe; all agree that the alliance must remain to prevent the reemergence of separate national defence policies in the West. But neither Labour nor the the Liberal Democrats pushed for a public debate on Nato's changed military priorities; nor did they challenge the Government's unquestioning acceptance three years ago of the American call for Nato enlargement - despite strong private reservations within all parties at the time.

The Government claimed some credit for two other momentous changes since 1992: the end of apartheid and the tentative steps towards Middie East peace. The Thatcher governments always insisted that dialogue, rather than sanctions, would give Britain

greater influence in Pretoria; certainly the British Embassy was important in encouraging the contacts between President

Mandela. Labour consistently called for tougher sanctions: but with the end of apartheid and the election of President Mandela the evidence was equivocal on which approach had been the most effective. The Middle East, an area of

traditional British influence. saw the signing of peace accords between Israel, under the Government of Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated in 1995, and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Israel subsequently withdrew from certain occupied territory, and its relations with Jordan were normalised. America and Norway played the leading outside roles in the peace process; but Britain maintained close contact with all sides and offered extensive aid and training to the Palestinians. In the Gulf, it remained one of the main supporters and trading partners of the traditional rulers and an

implacable foe of any soften-

ing of sanctions against Iraq.

Little of this was domestical-

ly contentious. But the Government was caught unawares by the sudden emergence of London as a haven for Islamic radicals expelled by conservative Arab governments, many of them closely tied to Britain. The case that caused greatest embarrassment was that of Muhammad al-Masari, a Saudi radical. In response to a furious Saudi reaction, the Home Office attempted, in vain, to deport him. The issue was seized on

that Britain's policy towards the Gulf was too craven and too driven by arms exports. The Government was equally embarrassed by the row over the Pergau Dam, a large aid project in Malaysia where the Government was accused of illegally using trade promotion money to linance the project. A court ruled against Mr Hurd; and Pergau became a symbol for the Opposition of a general Conservative mis-

by Labour as an indication

management of overseas aid. The Conservatives insist that "punching above our weight", in Mr Hurd's words, will remain valid as long as Britain retains its UN Security Council seat and readiness to

keeping. Labour does not deny the advantage of a strong foreign policy, insisting that it too gave unanimous support to the Falklands and Gulf wars, to German unification. democracy in Russia and to all the areas where Britain's influence was crucial,

Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats, however, accuse the Government of hypocrisy in trying to maintain a global foreign policy while cutting the Foreign Office budget. The past five years have been hard: jobs have been pared, embassies shut and funds reduced for aid; culture and overseas broadcasting.

Labour and the Liberal Democrats insist that Britain must cut its coat according to its cloth. There must be no more delusions that, isolated in Europe, it can play the bridge between America and the Continent, or maintain a global role without closer integration of foreign and defence policy with its European partners. The Tories disagree. As with so much, Britain's place in the world will be largely determined by Britain's place in Europe.

WHAT THEY SAID

We have not been, and are not, willing to begin some form of military intervention which we judge useless or worse, simply because of pressures from the media. Douglas Hurd, on Bosnia, 1993

What we cannot do, we should not pretend to do. It is empty to pretend that we can impose peace with justice on every disorder or dispute outside our national borders. But what we decide to do, we

John Major, 1993 We have our laws and we have a tradition of free speech, but what we do not have, and what we repudiate, is any tradition of encourag-

ing terrorism. Douglas Hurd on graning asylum to Islamic radicals, 1994

found for the energy which wells up through the nation

mitted moderniser. Long-

Performance: one of best

orators in the House. Com-

bative and partisan.

Douglas Hurd, 1995 We must be active wherever our national interests are at stake; and they are at stake throughout the world. 300

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Malcolm Rilland, 1995 The partnership of Europe and America working to-gether delivers results, dip-lomatic and military. Any arrangements we devise for the future must reflect that. Malcolm Rifland, 1996

We commit to peace support and humanitarian opera-tions, even in places far from home, for simple and yet fundamental reasons. We are a civilised nation.

Michael Portillo, 2 Jan 1997

CONSERVATIVES



Hong Kong: backing for Chris Patten's democracy reforms. Warning to China that Britain will continue to monitor human rights and Chinese compliance with 1984 Joint

Peace-keeping: British successes to be emphasised, though opposition to new UN operations without finance

Nato enlargement strong support for enlargement, but emphasis on successful negotiation of Nato-Russia

Relations with America: bedrock of foreign policy. Will attempt to make relations less dependent on Nato with new free trade agreement and parliamentary assembly.

Aid and development: opposition to increase in multilateral aid at the expense of bilateral aid. Aid budget unlikely to increase: assistance to be tied to "good government". Will continue the Know-How Fund for former communist

Human rights: support for Iraqi, Burmese and Nigerian opposition, but not emphasised in campaign. Wary about extending Nigerian sanctions, but no let-up in Iraq.

Diplomatic service: commitment to service at present level. though retrenchment likely in Africa and more trade promotion in Latin America and South East Asia. Will support British Council and BBC World Service, but search for private funding to make up for likely further cuts.

LABOUR



long Kong: as strongly committed to human rights as the Tories. A Labour government would have responsibility for the last two months of British rule. Relations with China are

Peace-keeping: commitment to support UN operations with troops. But will insist that Britain should not take on more than its size allows. Promise

to review arms exports.

Nato enlargement: Labour cautious, but strongly supports integration of Eastern Europe in EU.

Relations with America: Blair-Clinton chemistry likely to be better than present relations with Tories, with consequent close political links.

Aid and development: to have much higher profile, with Overseas Development Administration transformed into Department of International Development headed by Cabinet minister. Calls for new focus on poorest countries, and commitment to raise percentage of GNP spent on aid from 0.29 to 0.7, the UN target. Less attention to richer countries, and review of links between aid and trade.

Human Rights: main policy difference with Tories. Tougher line towards all rogue regimes. Will call for oil sanctions against Nigeria.

Diplomatic service: more emphasis on export promotion; top businessmen may be appointed ambassadors in growing markets. Commitment to boost British Council and BBC World Service, but no budget promises.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



Hong Kong: policy little different from Labour's and Conservatives'. Urging all remaining colonies to seek regional co-operation,

Peace-keeping: activist role pro-posed, and more co-operation with European nations. Failure to intervene earlier in Bosnia condemned. Curbs proposed on arms exports, and long-term cut in defence budget.

Nato enlargement: lukewarm support and only on condition that it fits with EU enlargement. Seen as less important than reshaping Nato and OSCE. Greater role proposed for European Nato operations as part of common European foreign policy.

Relations with America: central, but less emphasis on

ordination with EU projects. Strong support for Know-How Fund, and commitment to bringing British aid up to UN target of 0.7 per cent of GNP. Greater targeting of aid to

Emphasis on emancipation of women around the world. Diplomatic service: attempt to restore some of the cuts in Foreign Office budget. Promise to support British Council and BBC World Service.

democracy activists in East Timor, the Gulf, Nigeria etc.



working with Washington and more on co-operation with Aid and development: important plank of policy. More co-

Human rights: traditional strong interest. Support for

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embassies and consulates. compared with Germany with 240. Italy with 253 and France with 286.

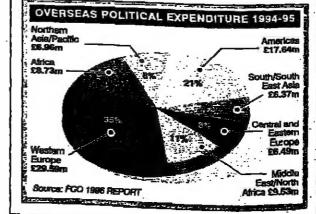
☐ Running the Foreign Of-fice costs £1.3 billion a year. half of which is spent on the British Council, the BBC World Service, the United Nations and peacekeeping.

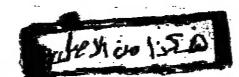
Some 8.6 million British citizens live overseas, and 34 million travel abroad. Britain ranks fifth for international trade, and exports are worth more per head than those of the United States or Japan. Britain exports a quarter of all it

D Britain's stock of direct foreign investment is secand only to America's, and is twice as large, relative to GDP, as Germany's or Japan's.

☐ English is the native language of 350 million people. It has official status in 70 countries, and 60 per cent of all scientists

☐ The estimate for the total number of applications for visas to enter Britain in 1996 was almost 1.5 million, an increase of more than 17 per cent over 1995. Some 95 per cent of these applications are for tourist visits or study.





Scots Tories' travails provide portent of wider strife

IF YOU want to know what life will be like in Blair's Britain, read the newspaper reports from Scotland. As one Scots émigré remarked: "We have seen the future and it's

The election of a Labour government could see the dramas that have convulsed Scotland over the past fortnight played out across the United Kingdom. It is often said, north of the border, that a very different election campaign is going on, but when you talk to Scotish voters and watch politicians on the stump in Scotland, the sense is not so much of a foreign country but of the future.

A rump Conservative Party cannot unite behind an effective leader called Michael in this case, Forsyth because of vicious feuding. A dominant Labour Party faces mutiny on the Left and unrest among activists. And the voters are denied a debate on bread-and-butter issues because the intricacies of devolution dominate the

When Tony Blair came to Glasgow on Friday to launch his party's Scottish manifesto, he expressed exasperation that the press conference was



Current political conflicts north of the border could turn out to be a dress rehearsal for a UK-wide drama, writes Michael Gove

constitution.

dominated by constitutional matters. All but one of the journalists' questions turned which does not yet exist - the Scottish parliament. The volume and vehemence of the questions, which quite unsettled Mr Blair, were evidence not of a strange obsession on the part of the Scottish media but rather of the journalistic instinct for the jugular. In a Scotsman interview, Mr Blair had appeared to com-pare a Scottish parliament to a parish council, and the pack scented blood. Some of the most direct questions came from representatives of the not concerned with the intricacies of sovereignty but they did know when a politician appeared to be on weak

Mr Blair had cause to feel aggrieved. The electorate in Scotland, like the rest of the United Kingdom are more concerned with health, crime and the economy than the

However, the importance of the constitution in this election is a consequence of Labour policy. If devolution proposals had not been so vigorously promoted by Labour and then redefined to rid them of supposed weaknesses, there would be room to concentrate on other issues. But, given how uncomfortable Mr Blair seems with the issue, it is natural for journalists, and voters to ask

Mr Blair's annoyance at the crowding out of other issues is not likely to abate if pledges to legislate for referendums on devolution, the consequent long campaigns and then more legislation to actually introduce assemblies, constitutional reform

vill dominate Labour's first year. Voters anxious to see progress in other areas will parliamentary time dominated by arcane disputes about the West Lothian Question and the revised Goschen-Barnett block grant

One English Labour frontbencher commented even before last week's controversy: "We'll have new Labour MPs elected in marginals like Worcester keen to deliver for the people who voted for them and their time will be taken up legislating for Scotland and

It is not only in England that disquiet might surface. Some Scottish Labour MPs now remain disciplined and quiet but privately promise to agitate for maximum power for the Scottish parliament after the election.

The Tories foresee that defeat would offer the opportunity to divert the Labour government's attention from President of the Board of Trade and MP for Galloway and Upper Nithsdale, has invited Labour to "make my day," by introducing complex devolution legislation in the



Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, and Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, who clashed in the months preceding Margaret Thatcher's fall

first session of the new parliament.

But the Conservatives have their own troubles. The scandals that have afflicted the Scottish party with one MP resigning after disclosures of alcohol problems and a relationship with a woman, as well as their chairman quitting after an alleged homosexual "indiscretion" have been depicted by some as a peculiarly Caledonian affair. The Scots Tories' problems are not, however, evidence of Celtic fondness for a feud. Rather, they are the consequence of minority status and the psychology of defeat.

The battles between the Thatcherite Forsyth and the in late 1989 and early 1990. were the prelude to the Götterdämmerung of Mrs Thatcher's rule. Now, according to one veteran of those conflicts, the current warfare in the Scots Tories, with colleagues briefing against each other, is a portent of in the event of defeat.

Some Tories see glimmers of hope. The same old hand believes that Mr Forsyth's ability to provide the Scots Tories with a degree of campaigning coherence could show the way for the rest of

Former pro-devolution disidents, such as the Scots Tory candidate in Dumfries, Struan Stevenson are now diehards for the Union. Once a party has faced defeat, the hope is that talented figures may be less likely to pursue freelance policies if given a strong lead from the top.

One Cabinet minister recently confided his fear that at a time when the United Kingdom had at last become a successful brand name in the increasingly competitive global market, the country was preparing to indulge in an unnecessary and introspective debate about restructuring.

His worries about introspection may apply with even greater force to his own party in the event of defeat. Variants of the internal battles now being fought on Scottish turf could consume the entire what will happen to the party

Ashdown says spin is killing real issues

By POLLY NEWTON

LABOUR and Conservative policies are being dictated by spin doctors" purely to woo certain groups of voters, ac-cording to Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats. Mr Ashdown will say in a speech tomorrow night that the beliefs of the two parties' leaders no longer count.

He will claim that the focus on a relatively small number of potential "switchers" voters who supported the Conservatives in 1992 but may back Labour this time effectively puts the spin doctors in charge. A source-close to Mr Ashdown said last night that the Liberal Democrat leader believed vision and principles should be paramount in any political camperson now is the political mechanic' - the person behind the scenes who knows what issues have to be addressed to switch key voters. That has become a problem. Everyone has become so obsessed with what focus groups are telling them."

Although the Liberal Democrats have made no secret of their decision to concentrate their limited campaign re-sources on seats they believe they can win, a party spokes-man said that was not the same as tailoring policies to particular sets of voters.

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Mr Ashdown will argue that there is a danger of politicians ignoring serious issues, and large sections of society, because they are told by their spin doctors that they offer no electoral advantage.

He will say that the Liberal Democrats are prepared to look to the long term rather than attempting to achieve short-term gains by espousing policies dreamed up specifically to attract support from target groups.

Peter Stothard, page 20

NEWS IN BRIEF

Labour MP forced out by illness

vey. 62, has announced he will not be standing for reelection to the Kilmarnock and Loudoun seat in Ayrshire. He confirmed yester-day that a sudden health problem had persuaded him reluctantly to stand down.

He is thought to have been taken ill while canvassing last Wednesday. The constituency is a target seat for the Scottish National Party. Mr McKelvey saw Labour's majority halved by the SNP to just under 7,000 in 1992.

Game target

Owners of shooting and fishing estates, including the Queen, could be affected by new taxes under a Labour government. The party is coning rates — duties on game, stags and fish shot or caught on their land - across Britain. The move would be worth \$10 million to the

Knighthood row

Sir Michael Grylls, who is not seeking re-election as MP for Surrey North West denied he acted improperly by seeking a knighthood for Jeffrey Whalley, a major donor to the Tory party. He did so at the request of a lobbyist, Derek Laud, Sir Michael has admitted misleading Parliament over his payments from Ian Greer.

Dealers warned

This could be the first general election in which City traders who spread false rumours about opinion poll results are detected and prosecuted. Bob Worcester, chairman of MORI. says it is "outrageous" that the markets have been manipulated in previous elections, and believes the technology exists to locate the source of rumours.

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Jobs report timing upsets churchmen

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

leaders are concerned that a sensitive church inquiry into unemployment has been timed deliberately to create maximum impact in the election campaign.

The report, Unemployment and the Future of Work, to be published tomorrow by the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland as a result of an IS-month inquiry led by the Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, is a damaging attack on 18 years of Conservative rule. It calls for a statutory minimum wage and negotiating rights for trade

But, although Christian socialist in tone, it also contains criticisms of the Labour Party's reluctance to embrace the harsh reality of higher taxation if public services are to be improved. According to one source, some church leaders are annoyed at the timing of the report because of the impact it will have on the election campaign. It is a theological reflection on urban problems, and particularly on minster.

SENIOR Anglican church unemployment, but there are no easy answers to these," said

Although an October publication date had been considered. April was chosen because it was felt that it would result in maximum publicity. The report, backed by leaders of the 12 main denominations in Britain, has been strongly influenced by Church Action on Poverty, an ecumenical pressure group which recruited long-term unemployed people and submitted a lengthy paper based on their discussions.

Niall Cooper, national coordinator of Church Action on Poverty, said: "It is critical of all political parties. None is seriously addressing the issue of unemployment. They are more concerned with tax reductions. The report will talk about taxation as a positive

social good. Sponsors include the Archhishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey and Cardinal Basil Hume, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of West-



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1S Tories accuse Labour of five serious U-turns since start of campaign

ROBIN COOK's hardening of Labour's position on a single European currency is the latest campaign shift by the party, which was accused at the weekend of making policy on the hoof. Labour also confirmed yesterday that key concessions promised to the unions were being dropped and that Gordon Brown is considering the privatisation of assets. land and buildings

worth millions of pounds. Tony Blair will tell the City today: "I believe that where there is no overriding reason for preferring public provision of goods and services then the assumption should be that economic activity is best left to the private sector."

The Tories yesterday ac-cused Labour of changing its policies, alleging that it had made five distinct policy Uturns since the campaign

down from three key policy pledges on workers' rights which he had given trade

unions over the past year

nted roughly £5 million to

the party's election fund this year but Mr Blair has

made clear that he will not

He has said that a pledge

on union recognition was not a priority and would not be included in

Labour's first Queen's

Speech. Officials now say

that it was more likely to be

Mr Blair also made

clear that there would be a

included in

bow to their demands.

(Jill Sherman writes). The unions have contrib-

Blair drops three key

pledges on workers

Philip Webster gives his assessment of the claims made by the Tories yesterday that Labour has made five separate policy reversals since the start of the campaign

extent of the shift, if any. On privatisation, the Tories claim that after years of attacking the policy Labour has now embraced it as a way of finding money to fill the "black hole" in its finances. There was nothing in the

manifesto about it. While the revision of Clause 4 saw Labour embracing the market and the private sector, it was only recently, when it emerged that Gordon Brown was considering selling the Tote, that the idea of Labour being prepared to countenance privatisation emerged.

judge, to adjudicate when

employers could not agree with workers on which sections of the workforce to

ballot. He went further this

weekend and ditched a pledge to give part-time

workers the same rights as

full time workers and to

allow workers to daim

unfair dismissal after six

months of employment

rather than the present two

His U-turn on part-time workers follows a speech to

the TUC in September 1995, in which he said: "With Labour, they would be entitled to the same fair

treatment as full-time employees."

Since the "black hole" was identified specific assets have been mentioned for the first time - Parcelforce, Channel 4, the Air Traffic Control System - even though the transport spokesman Andrew Smith said last year "our air is not for sale" and recent policy document has committed Labour to keeping Channel 4 in the public sector. Verdict: a fairly comprehensive U-turn.

On Scotland the Tories say that Labour, having decided to give the Scots their Parliament and tax-varying powers, now say that it will not be able to put up taxes for five years.

Labour has already wa-tered down devolution by insisting on a referendum on tax-raising. When The Times reported it would not be able to raise taxes for a Parliament this was denied. Mr Blair confirmed it on Friday, although, to be fair, the pledge was in the Scottish Labour manifesto published on the same day. Verdict: U-turn, but it was already under way.

On the unions the Tories say that Mr Blair has gone back on earlier promises to give the unions new rights.

Mr Blair is now saying that he cannot guarantee legislation on union recognition in his first year, and that he will not give part-time workers the same rights as full-time workers, nor fulfil promises to reduce from two years to six months the time before which they claim unfair dismissal. Verdict: substantial climbdown.

On the single currency, the Tories allege that Robin Cook,



Tony Blair: accused on privatisation, Scotland, unions, EMU and terrorism

dable obstacles" in the way of first-wave membership under Labour, has now made a "gaffe" suggesting that entry would be unlikely for a parlaiment.

Far from being a gaffe this was a deliberate move by Mr Cook and Mr Blair to steal a march on the Tories. If entry cannot go ahead in 1999 it would be difficult for it to do so in 2000 or 2001, and Mr Cook was stating the obvious. Ver-

dict: clever repositioning. On terrorism the Tories claim simply that Labour cannot be trusted. Jack Straw is accused of saying Labour would "fully" operate the Prehad voted against year after

Mr Straw's position has not changed. He said there were doubts about the use of exclusion orders and judicial involvement over detention orders, but that Labour would continue to operate the PTA as

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What the Shadow Cabinet has said on privatisation

"Public utilities like Telecom and gas and essential industries such as British Airways and Rolls-Royce were sold off by the Tories in the closest thing, postwar, to political corruption. What we all owned was taken away from us, flogged off at a cheap price to win votes, and the proceeds used to fund tax cuts. In fact it was a unique form of

corruption, since we were bribed with our own money." - News on Sunday, November 1, 1987 We have got to end this insane

shoved into the private sector. There are decent public services and they should be kept as public services." — A 100 Women, ITV, July 10, 1994

"[We are committed to] restoring a unified system of railways with a publicly owned, publicly accountable BR at its core." — Labour conference, October 1, 1996

Gordon Brown

"Privatisation has been a costly experience whose benefits have been at best dubious. The losers have been

notion that everything's got to be the tax payers, the winners undisputably the big institutions in the City and the top management of private companies." - Writing in 1989 on the electricity privatisations

This last desperate Conservative sell-off, this closing down sale that signifies the moral bankruptcy of this Government." — on rail privatisation, addressing the Scottish Labour conference, March 10, 1996

"We have a clear commitment to restore public ownership of the coal industry." - addressing the Com- Government could even consider mons, March 23, 1994

Andrew Smith (Transport) The Tories have dreamt up a new scheme to privatise the air. They want to flog off the National Air Traffic Control service ... let me warn the Transport Secretary: Labour will do everything to block this sell-off. Our air is not for sale." --

Labour's line on Channel 4 "It seems unimaginable that the

Labour conference, 1996

privatising the channel and thus jeopardising this resource. Labour will retain Channel Four as a public service broadcaster." — Leading Britain into the Future, Labour policy document, 1996

The current Labour position-as described by an aide of Mr Brown vesterday:

We will look at everything on a practical basis, not from an ideological point of view."

Hard slog for **Pontefract 'parachute** brigade'

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

IN Pontefract and Castleford Mr Howarth clinched another the general election ends to-night. One of five hopefuls will win the nomination for the Labour candidature and celebrate the start of a job for life.

This former mining constituency, which Sir Geoffrey Lofthouse won with a majority of 23,495 at the last election, is a glittering prize to attract any aspiring Labour MP. But the intensity of the fight to secure the nomination for the seat and the long shadow that the party leader has cast over the affair has left the local community bemused and angered. The bemusement started with the last-minute decision by Sir Geoffrey, a former

miner and a Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons to stand down. Earlier he had furiously denied talk that he would move aside to let the Tory defector Alan Howarth seat, he did step down. He referred to his advanc-

ing years - he is 71 - and a slight medical complaint, but constituents were amazed. He Tony Blair of my decision and have insisted there is still time for my constituency party to be allowed to choose their next candidate from a suitable shortlist with local members being given the apportunity to be considered. This will mean a ballot of local members will choose the next candidate. If I had not been given that assur-ance, I would have battled

The first smoulderings of anger came when Labour's national executive announced that the pressure of time mean that it would have to draw up the shortlist from which the constituency would choose a







Three hopefuls: John Harman, left, a councillor, Yvette Cooper, of the "Millbank tendency", and Hilary Benn, son of Tony

ed that Jack Dromey, husband of Harriet Harman, the Shadow Social Services Secretary, and a senior officer with the Transport and General Workers' Union, was to be "parachuted" into the seat by the leadership. In the end neither he nor

Bryan Davies, whose Oldham Central and Royston seat disappeared under boundary changes, made the shortlist, But when local party members saw the list tempers flared. Despite plenty of contenders, not one local constituent had made the last five. Two on the list were from elsewhere in Yorkshire, but that makes them almost as foreign as anyone else in this part of the world. The other three chosen

were from London: two were rising Blairite stars.

Straight away the candidates faced resentment. "Clearly the constituency party would have liked to have had at least one person with local credentials. That has not happened and there are some concerns at that." Andy Wood, chairman of the constituency

party, said The bad feeling was exacer-bated by the fact that a number of those who will be listening hard to the five candidates tonight and then casting votes are local men. including Mr Wood, who had put themselves forward for the shortlist. However, they found themselves rejected by the national executive.

The London candidates have faced the most suspicion and scrutiny. One senior local party official said he was doubtful of the chances of Hilary Benn, the son of Tony Benn and an Ealing councillor, Derek Scott, an economic adviser to Tony Blair, and Yvette Cooper, a newspaper economics correspondent who

has worked for John Smith and Gordon Brown. The offi-cial said: "I think it will be very difficult for them, there is no question of that. The local party clearly has great affinity with local candidates. There are proud traditions here." He added: There is great disappointment that these won't be

YVETTE COOPER

Age: 28.

New Labour rating: a central figure of the Millbank Tendency. Has worked on public spending for Gordon Brown and is economic for The Independent. correspondent for The Independent. Old Labour rating: see above.

Campaigning style: drops into conversation that some of her family come from Doncaster, while others are from mining village in Cumbria.

DEREK SCOTT

Age: 46
New Labour rating: works for BZW, the City arm of Barclays, and advises Tony Blair on economic policy.
Married to Eleanor Goodman, Channel 4 political editor.

Campaign style is Blair's man by implication and could be

Old Labour rating: former SDP candidate.

JOHN HARMAN

New Labour rating: leader of Kirklees Council in Huddersfield since 1986. Regarded as one of the brightest Labour politicians outside

Old Labour rating: local boy, who moved away as a child but did at least stay in Yorkshire. Campaign style: "I was born in Castleford."

CATH ASHTON

New Labour Rating: Member of Labour's National Policy Forum who has been shortlisted for half a dozen seats

Old Labour Rating: full time conve-nor for the AEEU (Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union)
Campaign Style: Fighting with Benn for the union vote and playing local

HILARY BENN

New Labour rating: son of the veteran Labour MP Tony

Old Labour rating: big noise in the MSF union (manufacturing, science and finance). Campaigning style: tapping up the union vote and pressing

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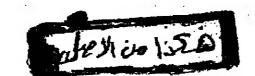
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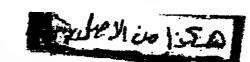
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· Major denies he is dragging debate 'into the gutter'

THE Prime Minister denied charges yesterday that he was running a personal campaign against Tony Blair after the first "dirty tricks" row of the election surfaced over the

But Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, led a welter of complaints from Labour figures claiming that the Tories were "descending into the gutter" with their claims to journalists that Mr Blair was cracking under the strain, that he had been "perspiring heavily" before important interviews last week and even that he may have been wearing an earpiece during his manifesto launch so that he could be prompted in his reply to questions.

A Sunday newspaper interview in which John Major accused Mr Blair of "slithering and squirming" from detailed interrogation was also

But it was Michael Howard's criticism, for the second time in the campaign, of Labour's attitude to terrorism — the day after the IRA wrecked the Grand National - that caused the most out-

rage in Labour ranks. It prompted Labour to disclose the confidential Home Office memorandum governing the response of ministers and their shadows to terrorist events: pointing out that it should be limited to the voicing of revulsion, sympathy for the victims and the authorities' determination to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Jack Straw, Mr Howard's Labour shadow, had said earlier that a Labour government

would continue to operate the Prevention of Terrorism Act, although the party had doubts about the use of exclusion orders and judicial involvement in detention orders. He said: "We operated it when we were in government and we

will operate it again." That prompted the Home Secretary to say that Labour could not be trusted on terror-

THE TORY CAMPAIGN

ism. Mr Howard said: "One day Marjorie Mowlam (the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary) says Sinn Fein could be invited to talks within weeks of a Labour government. Today Jack Straw contradicts her and in the same breath he says that a Labour government would fully operate the powers of the Prevention of Terrorism Actl. Yet these are the very powers that Labour have voted against

year after year." Labour said that Mr Howard had broken the bipartisan agreement under the pressure of the election campaign.

Mr Brown said: "I think that all decent people will regret the fact that when we should be standing shoulderto-shoulder, to-shoulder, when there should be an all-party consensus to fight terrorism, Michael Howard has degenerated into making personalised and inaccurate comments about the Labour Party,"

Appearing on Breakfast with Frost yesterday, Mr Ma-jor rejected claims that he had launched a personal attack on

'Mr Nice' lights up Norwich campaign

Sleaze holds no fears for former cannabis smuggler, writes Michael Horsnell

blanch at the mention of the word, but sleaze is the one factor that the aspiring MP Howard Marks has nothing to worry about during the election campaign.

Mr Blair and said that he was

focusing on policy areas and

answer questions on them or

The Prime Minister said

that he wanted to debate the

real issues and to get away

from "sloganising", adding:

"One of the things I most

loathe about politics these

days is that it is politics by

Sources close to Mr Blair,

however, said that the Tories

were trying to "take out Tony"

because all the early polling

material suggested that he was the key positive issue of

They said: "Tony is trusted because he said what he

would do to the Labour Party

and he has done it. John

Major is not trusted because

he said he would not raise

taxes and he has done so." The

sources added: "If they want to

fight the election on trust, that

soundbite."

the campaign

is fine by us."

to debate them with him.

Mr Marks, once the most wanted cannabis smuggler in the world, is standing as an independent in both the Norwich constituencies - North and South - on an antiprohibition ticket.

"My skeletons are very much out of the cupboard," he said yesterday. "Sleaze is of no consequence to me. In fact the more allegations they make against me, the better."

Mr Marks, suntanned from the spring sunshine of Majorca, where he lives with his wife, Judy, and three of his four children, wants to legalise cannabis. He says prohibition leaves its supply in the hands of profiteers and criminalises the young. He should know, having run a multimillion-pound empire and been sentenced to 25 years in America for racketeering.

Mr Marks, who was re-



Howard Marks campaigning in Norwich in the shadow of a cannabis leaf emblem

leased two years ago after serving less than seven years of his sentence, confesses to having made "a few million" from importing up to 50 tonnes of cannabis at a time from Pakistan, Thailand and the Far East into Europe and

America. He smokes cannabis daily. "Cannabis makes

you feel better." he said. He flew into Norwich to set up his campaign headquarters in the backstreet emporium. Paradox Delights, run by his agent Derek Williams.

There, everything from hemp oil hair conditioner to bars of high energy New Earth seed bars is sold to people who enjoy "herbal highs".

Mr Marks has fond memories of Norwich, It was here that he bought a false pass-

port in the name of Donald Nice. now deceased, and used it as one of his 43 aliases. He used Mr Nice as the title of his autobiography. published last year.

Norwich, more importantly, is the base of the Campaign to Legalise Cannabis international, which is back-ing him in its fifth anniversavear in his single-issue fight for a Parliamentary seat. Ladbrokes is offering 10,000-1 against his election.

odds he regards as generous. "Essentially, my aim is to prevent criminalising youth and messing up their careers by putting them in prison." he said. "But it is also a question of civil liberty to be able to take cannabis. It is my right to do what I want as long it doesn't harm anyone else. It is also for people suffering from various medical conditions for which doctors would like to prescribe cannabis but are being denied." He is convinced that cannabis will be legalised one day. "But I'm standing for Parliament because I'm in a bit of a rush."

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Frost withers into a fisher of soundbites

Frost from drowning. Well, yesterday it was Frost's turn to throw out a lifeline morning when John Major sat on his sofa and answered a few soft questions.

It is hard to believe that Frosty was once the scourge of wrongdoers in Britain. It was he who attracted opprobrium 30 years ago for conducting "trials by tele-vision". Even before the police had caught up with the criminal, there was the young Frost calling the fraudster before a studio audience jury and asking them what were then thought impertinent questions designed to make the crook incriminate himself.

We all grow old and more mellow, and Frost has long since hung up his crusader's cape in favour of cosy chats with the rich and famous. There is something unsettling about the complicity with which, on BBCl's Breakfast with Frost, he now co-operates with politicians, providing them with the chance to try out a few soundbites for the day's news bulletins in exchange for a croissant and a

glass of orange juice. Frost, too, benefits from this arrangement as he has a show which few watch but which has a reputation for getting the stories, albeit "stories" cooked up for the occasion. I doubt there is conferring between the two sides because none is necessary: Frost fishes for the soundbite and the politicians hook their cod on the

Yesterday, after touching on the Grand National, Frost asked Major whether the election was becoming more personal and abusive. "Heaven forfend that exchanges should get personal," said the pious PM. So no soundbite there. Then, after Frost rephrased the question, Major came out with this most quotable of quotes: "I do not believe that a Labour government, were there to be such a disaster in this country. could follow Conservative policies. I do not think it is in the instinct of the beast."

Frost cast his line in other directions. He asked if the common view that it was time for a change made any sense, but Major said nothing of interest. Then he asked how Major would answer the Labour charge



TV WATCH NICHOLAS. WAPSHOTT

tax increases, but the reply was too long-winded. Frost even lobbed this softest of soft balls, almost pleading for a quote to last the day: What would you say is your strongest slogan?" Major missed. "I am not a sloganising politician."

Then, after a lengthy defence of the Government's policy on the European Union, Major came out with this: "Their manifesto is falling apart before our eyes." Then: "A manifesto that

has taken years to produce has taken days to fall to pieces." Voila! Two bites in the bag and Frost, knowing that anything now would be a bonus, was willing to try some rougher questions. What mistakes had Maor made? How would he mark himself out of ten? Would he be visiting Neil Hamilton's constituency? Did he consider himself the underdog? Had he asked Margaret Thatcher to talk to Rupert Murdoch about which party The Sun would support? Major wasn't going to fall for any of them. Why should he? He had said all he needed to.

and was playing for time.

t the end of the A programme there was a news bulletin. "On this programme the Prime Minister returned to the subject of trust." And there was our old friend, "I do not believe that a Labour government, were there to be such a disaster ... Three hours later, the BBC news editors had changed their minds and were going on "the manifesto is falling apart before our eyes". The ipm ITN news followed suit. There, courtesy of Breakfast with Frost, was Major saying "The manifesto is falling apart before our eyes." How very satis-

factory for all concerned.



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Federal US faces war with 'Army of God'

A GROUP claiming responsibility for two explosions in Atlanta has issued a declaration of war against the United States Government in the runup to the joint anniversary of the Waco siege and the Okla-homa City bombing in two weeks time.

In a letter received by two television stations in Atlanta, an organisation known as the Army of God said it was responsible for the unsolved bombings, injuring a total of 12 neonle, outside an abortion clinic and a gay club in the city earlier this year.

Although the message denied any involvement in the blast that resulted in the deaths of two people at the Atlanta Olympics last year, the letter mentioned the government siege at the Branch Davidian compound at Waco, Texas, in 1993 in which 80 cult

members died.
It threatened to mount attacks on "facilities that murder children" and on "sodomites" but, of most concern to the FBI, officials said the letter promised "total war on the socalled federal Government and death to the New World

The FBI and other government agencies said security was being increased through-



An artist's impression

seals new

merger

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

vision reporter. The couple exchanged vows to seal the

merger at a ceremony in Virginia attended by about 75

In some ways it was a surprising match. Mr Green-

span's donnish figure contrasting with blonde Miss Mitchell's hair gel, sparkling

earrings and blazing eyed tele-

vision ambition.

In keeping with Mr
Greenspan's grasp of the
deadpan, the union was ga-

zetted with a sober listing in yesterday's New York Times

weddings page, where col-umns are normally the do-main of Manhattan's socially precise Lady Wishforts and their cushioned progeny.

There, alongside the Epsteins and Bleusteins and Lei-

announcement that romance had claimed the man whose

merest throat clearance can shake the world's stock mar-

kets. "The bridegroom" was described as the son of the late Rose Goldsmith and the late Herbert Greenspan. "He has been the Federal Reserve

chairman since 1987," it was

The marriage has been one of the few reasons for smiles

on Wall Street in recent days. as the Dow Jones index has

lost most of the gains it made

price falls, if you listen to the "buils", has been the "bearish"

Mr Greenspan, who has re-

peatedly warned investors

ripe. Stockholders will be hop-

ing that when he returns to his

office this morning — nothing so irrational as a honeymoon is being taken — Mr Greenspan will view life as an

altogether sunnier pastime. It is not, however, a mood shift

The main culprit for those

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out the Southern city for fear that the group might target Freaknik, the annual black student festival which is being held in Atlanta over the weekend which coincides with the Waco and Oklahoma anniver-

saries on April 19. Individuals linked to the Army of God, a name related to an underground manual on terrorist acts against abortion clinics, have been associated with a spate of attacks over the last two decades.

But this is the first time a person claiming to represent the group has made reference to the federal Government. Bobby Browning, an official from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, yesterday said agents were being placed on high alert in Atlanta because the letter had indicated its next target might not be

empty.
"We're asking employees to
be on the lookout," he said. "We're sharing ideas on what to look for, and we have also set up response protocol. should something occur."

The Waco siege provoked a growing movement of disaffection towards the American Government and resulted, exactly two years after the conflagration, in the bombing at Oklahoma City in which 168 people, including 19 children,

Timothy McVeigh, the chief suspect in the Oklahoma City bomb, is currently standing trial in Denver on murder and conspiracy charges. Although his case has stagnated in the jury selection phase, which could take weeks to conclude, the trial has only heightened tension among militia groups and other anti-Washington activists in the run-up to the

anniversary. Security is also being tightened at all government facili-ties throughout the United States in preparation for what has been named Militia Day.

Chairman | Recycling of the Fed | myth sent to urban junkyard

By TOM RHODES

THE recycling of discarded materials, one of the great urban myths of America's AMERICA'S "second most powerful" — and normally most cautious — man, the chairman of the Federal Regreen revolution, has been debunked as an economic disaster. Americans spend hours sorting their rubbish serve. Alan Greenspan. bought into the marriage market yesterday.

Mr Greenspan, 71, wed his long-term friend, Andrea Mitchell, 50, a prominent teleplastics, aluminium, glass and newspaper for sepa-rate collection, and berate those unwilling to do so.

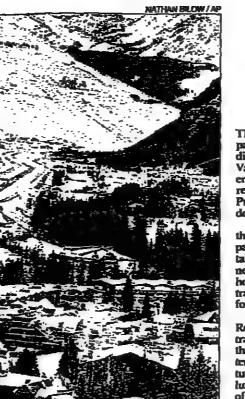
But a decision by Washington DC to suspend its programme has been welcomed by experts who say recycling little more than a costly political ruse with no financial return. Marion Barry, Mayor of the near-bankrupt federal capital, has said his proposal will save \$2.5 million

(£1.5 million a year. Although yesterday he faced a resolution from his own city council demanding the immediate reinstatement

of recycling, Mr Barry found unlikely allies on Wall Street. "Washington has started the ball rolling," said Michael Hoffman, a garbage analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston in New York. "Ask any American what happens to their garbage or what it costs and they will have no idea. Politicians have been disingenuous about telling the public the truth: the emperor has no clothes." Mr Hoffman said the recycling programme in Washington cost \$200 a tonne while rubbish collection and disposal should amount to

little more than \$25. While commercial grammes remained viable, he said most cities would soon realise that residential recy cling merely increased the cost to the taxpayer. "It is of zero social value if you are losing that much money." he said. "It would be much easier to either burn the garbage or

Rubbish has a market value. And while two years ago local authorities were receiving \$150 per tonne of recycled newspapers, they must now pay pulp mills \$30 a tonne for collection. Plastic bottles. worth 22 cents a pound last year, are now valued at just five cents.



Vail's pristine slopes have hosted the world skiing championships twice in ten years

.997 Super-chic ski resort 'sliding downmarket'

FROM TOM RHODES IN VAIL COLORADO

THE world's largest ski com-pany is involved in a bitter ute with the founders of Vail. who claim its new owners are turning the American resort — a favourite of Diana. Princess of Wales — into a downmarket theme park.

Oldtimers say Vail Resorts. the new management com-pany, is creating the moun-tain equivalent of Disneyland, threatening liveli-hoods and sacrificing the traditionally thic atmosphere for cheap mass marketing.

The grande dame of the Rockies, Vail has always attracted far larger numbers than Aspen, its Colorado sister whose combination of culture and cachet has tended to lure a more famous clientele of Hollywood types, sports personalities and tycoons.

Vail, nevertheless, has offered stiff competition as the most popular American resort, a skiing haven for Ameri-ca's upper-middle classes and, because of historical ties to Colorado, a holiday bolthole for senior Mexican government members. Many industry barons, including Ross Perot, the former presidential candidate, own houses in and

around the village that was founded by a small band of enthusiasts in the early 1960s. Like Aspen, celebrating its

fiftieth anniversary this sum-mer. Vail has prided itself on being a distinct community. Its hills have twice hosted the world skiing championships in ten years. Its slopes are said to be America's best-groomed. Two months ago. Vail Re-sorts went public, merged with the nearby skiing areas of Breckenridge and key-

6 Rockies' grande dame may become

great whore of Colorado skiing 9

stone, and began an aggressive expansion to increase its percentage of the tourist dollar. Many villagers believe that traditional Vail visitors will join a steady stream making the pilgrimage to Aspen. German skilers, who have favoured Vail for its "Bavailian" architecture, are already said to be deserting.

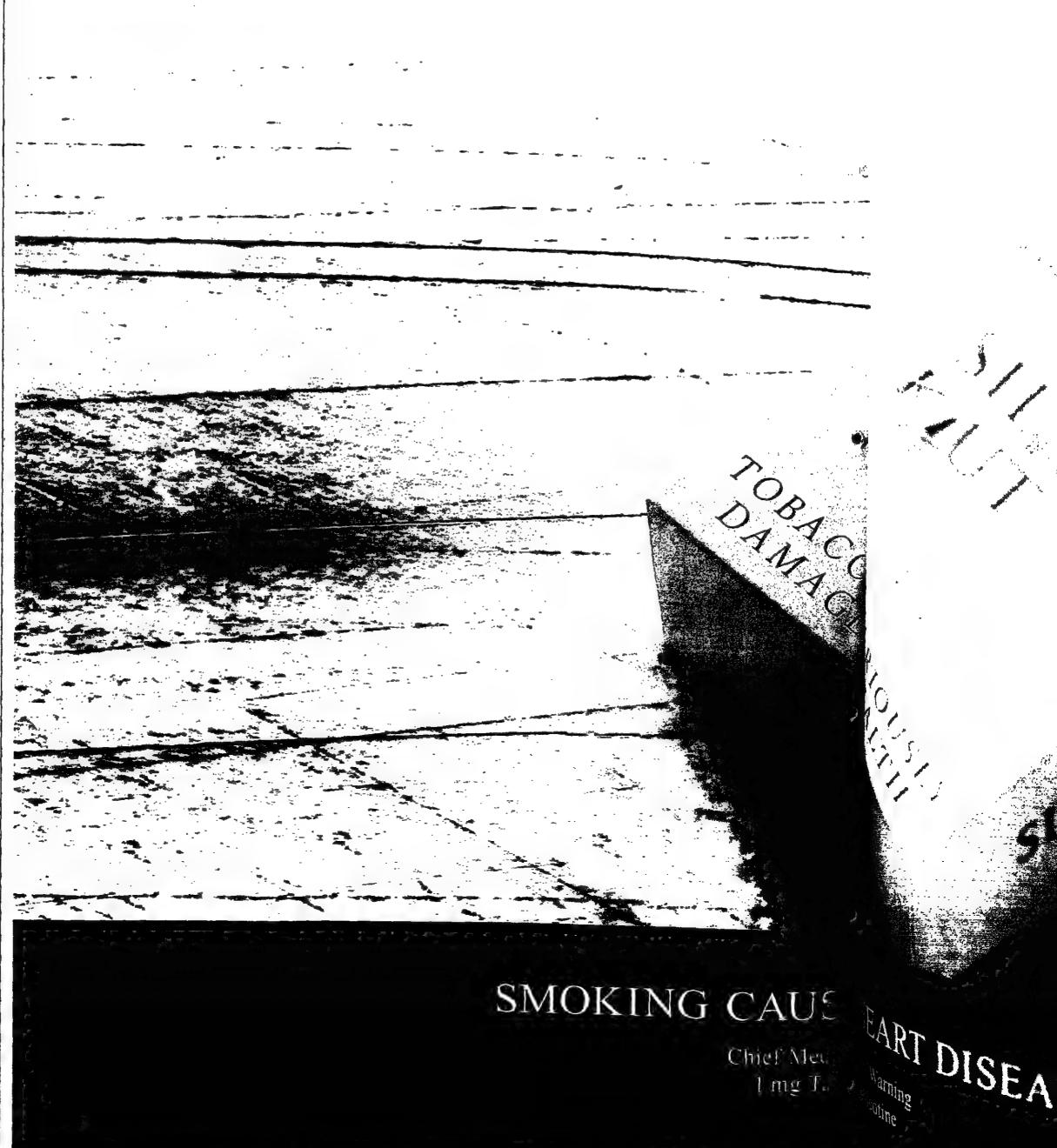
Jonathan Staufer, whose

Austrian father, Josef, and British mother, Anne, are among the founders - and for more than 25 years ran the Vail Village Inn - said: "They are concentrating so much at the lower end of the market, strip-mining this place and driving people away. I do not want to see the grande dame of the Rockies become the great whore of Colorado skiing.

Independent ski rental shops say that Vail Associates, a subsidiary of Vail Resorts, is pricing them out. Other residents say blaring music and Adventure Ridge, an all-night sporting playground, are the beginning of the end.

The company is hoping to build more lifts and homes on 2,000 acres next to the resort and makes no apology for operating on the principle

bigger means better". Andy Daly, president of Vail Associates, said: "We are in the entertainment business. People come to Colorado for the all-in experience of winter wonderland. Our challenge is to avoid animating it the way Disneyland does and to keep it very natural."





UN to rescue 100,000 refugees in Zaire jungle

By Sam Kiley, africa correspondent

THE United Nations yester-day began planning its biggest and most expensive humanipassable to vehicles. Sadako tarian airlift to move more than 100,000 Hutus, including some mass killers, back to Rwanda. The cost of the operation, authorised at the weekend by Laurent Kabila, leader of Zaire's rebels, was estimated to be at least \$50 million (£30.7 million) and repatriation via Kisangani represents the best and quickmay take several months.

The refugees, who fled to Zaire in 1994 in fear of retribution for their part in the genocide of a million Tuisis and moderates of their own tribe, will be flown from rebelheld Kisangani, to Goma, close to the border with Rwan-

da, and then trucked home. Their numbers have been depleted, with deaths running at about 120 a day according to UN officials, after a sevenmonth trek through Zaire's jungle ahead of the Tutsidominated rebel advance. After their flight through the forests, and weeks living off grubs, leaves and roots, the refugees were unable to make the journey over roads im-

Ogata, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said in a statement from Geneva: "We are delighted that [the rebel] alliance has agreed to allow this desperately needed airlift to begin. Many thousands of refugees are dying of malnutrition and disease. We are racing against time to save their lives. The

est way of doing that."
In Pretoria talks between Zaire's Government and the rebels opened at the weekend, but not even Muhammad Sahnoun, the UN special en-



voy, held out any hope that they would lead to a ceasefire. On Saturday Mr Kabila's fighters overran MbujiMayi. the capital of East Kasai province and centre of Zaire's diamond trade, and the chance of their agreeing to a ceasefire seems remote, unless

President Mobutu steps down. At MbujiMayi there was little resistance from local soldiers who stole mining company vehicles to flee. The only fighting, mining sources said, was between govern-ment soldiers and civilians trying to prevent the looting of their possessions.

At least \$20 million in diamonds are traded on MbujiMayi's streets each week. Now the rebels have access to funds that could be used to bolster their nascent administration.

Like Kisangani, MbujiMayi fell without much of a fight because the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire has earned a reputation for discipline. In some of the areas under alliance control local adminis-

The money has been used to pay public servants - an almost unheard of level of

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honesty in Zaire. Mr Kabila's forces yesterday were poised to take Lu-bumbashi, Zaire's second largest city and the centre of the mining industry. Locals have been waiting eagerly and nervously for the arrival of the rebels who, some sources claimed, had already negotiated contracts with international

mineral companies.

"If there are any more than a few shots in the air when the rebels attack Lubumbashi, would be very surprised." said a Western ambassador in Kinshasa, the capital. "Psy-chologically, the place is already in the hands of the rebels."

Mr Kabila's forces were about 125 miles away from Lubumbashi yesterday. The rebel leader hinted that after taking Tenke - to be the site of the world's largest copper and cobalt mine — that u-bumbashi could fall to his troops early this week.



A Rwandan refugee is carried on a stretcher to a medical facility at a makeshift camp south of Kisangani

Papers on Rhodesia show rage of Wilson

By VALERIE EULIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE former Prime Minister. Harold Wilson, furiously berated his Commonwealth colof Rhodesia in the 1960s and told them to stop treating Britain like "a bloody colony" newly released Commonwealth papers reveal today.

He later withdrew the word "bloody" at the private meeting of Commonwealth leaders in London, but was irritated by their failure to back Britain's proposal to offer lan Smith a last chance to sort out his illegal regime. Many Commonwealth leaders, particularly those from Africa and Asia, believed force was the only sure way to bring down

the Smith regime. In the first release of papers rom the Commonwealth Secretariat under the 30-year rule, it is clear Wilson became tetchy and rattled by the protracted discussions of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers dealing with Rhodesia's unilateral declaration of independence in November 1965. He finally snapped at a

secret session of Prime Ministers in London in September 1966, when he said the attitudes of some Commonwealth leaders were putting him in a position which no head of government could tolerate.

He railed at the meeting and said his colleagues paid no attention to the problems he and his Cabinet faced over Rhodesia. He complained that each time he modified British policy to suit them, they demanded more concessions. He said they took no account of Britain's relationship with South Africa and the number of British citizens in Rhodesia.

in a particularly brazen mood, Wilson reminded his colleagues that, if it had not been for Britain, none of their countries would have been granted independence, and they should remember Britain too was independent.

Wilson errupted again at another private meeting after leaks to the press and he accused Commonwealth lead-ers of mounting "a campaign of character assassination" against him. He was incensed by press reports that I. M. Kapwepwe, the Zambi-an Foreign Minister, had called him a "racialist" in interviews in London.

WORLD SUMMARY

Ginsberg dies after a stroke

New York: Eight days after learning that he had inoperable liver cancer, the beamik writer and iconoclast Allen Ginsberg has died in New York aged 70 (Quentin Letts writes).

Last Thursday Ginsberg suffered a stroke and fell into a coma from which he never awoke, according to friends. His favourite Tibetan monk was on hand to perform a Buddhist ceremony to the dead. Obituary, page 23

US envoy faces visa inquiries

Hong Kong: Police are invesrigating James DeBates, a US diplomat here, for suspected visa fraud in the second such scandal at the US consulate in the run-up to the handover to China (Catherine Field writes). The case is part of inquiries into the suspected smuggling of illegal immigrants from China to America.

Rebels massacre 80 in Algeria

Paris: In the worst violence in Algeria for five years, Muslim guerillas have massacred more than 80 men, women and children (Susan Bel! writes). The Algerian press reported that victims had been cut with chainsaws, hacked to death with axes and doused with petrol in the attacks last Thursday and Friday.

Netanyahu flies to talks in US

Jerusalem: Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday embarked on a peace mission to the US seen by diplomats as a last chance to prevent violence between Jews and Arabs developing into all-out conflict. Besides President Clinton, he will also meet King Hussein of Jordan. William Rees-Mogg, page 20

Towing feat

Bonn: An engineering student on rollerblades, Dirk Auer, 25, has claimed a world speed record after holding on to the back of a Porsche sports car as it reached 153 mph, a German newspaper reported. (Reuter)

Missing pilot and jet baffle US Air Force

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

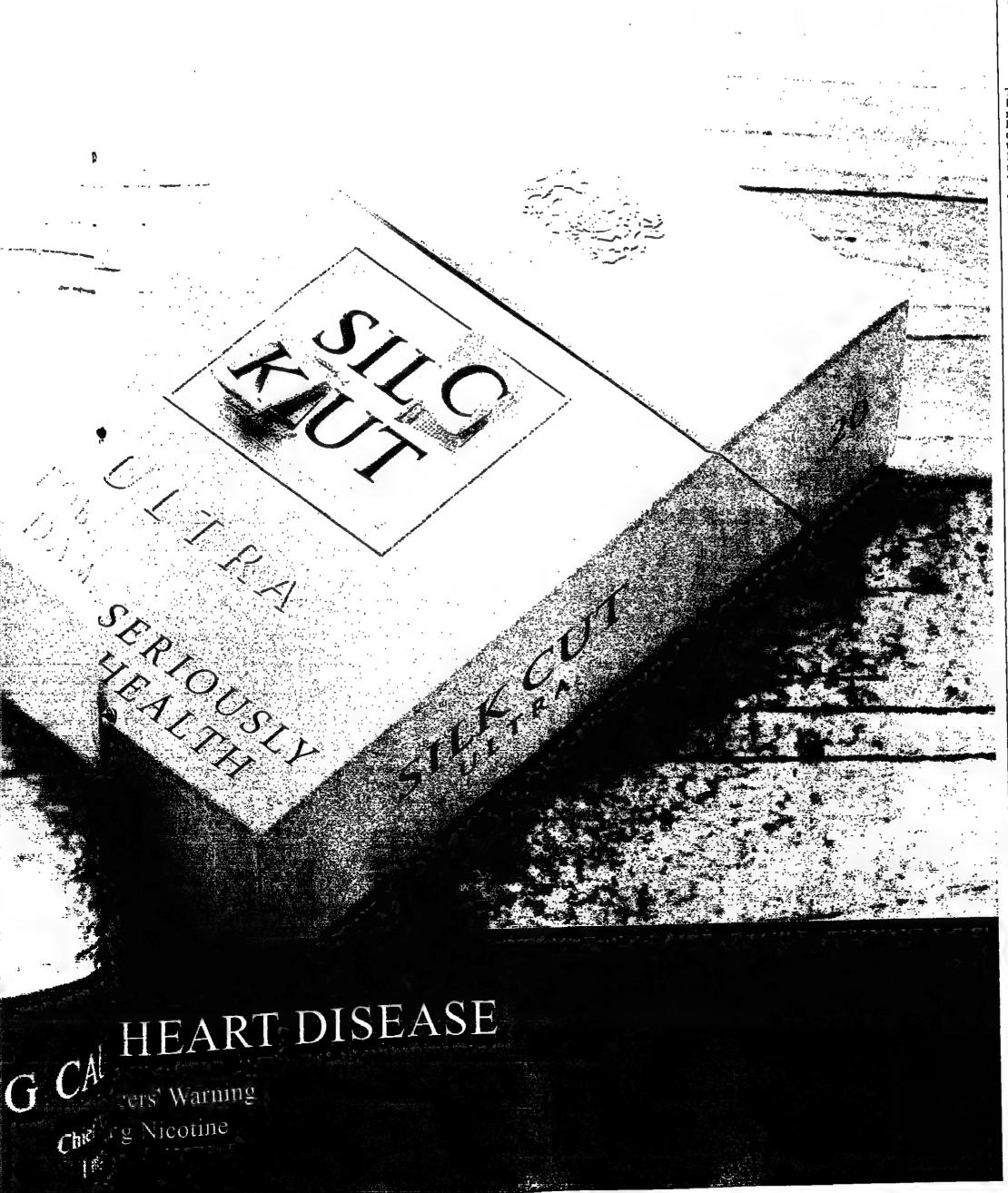
UNITED States Air Force officials are mystified by the mid-flight disappearance of one of their ground-attack jets. An Al0 Thunderbolt, carrying four 500lb bombs and flown by an experienced instructor, went missing last week, but its absence was reported only yesterday.

The pilot, Captain Craig Button, 33, based at Laughlin in Del Rio, Texas, was new to the Tucson, Arizona, base from which he took off on what should have been a routine flight to a nearby airfield. Captain Button. whose plane was accompanied by two other air force

jets, suddenly broke out of formation and peeled off north towards the Colorado

Search teams scoured parts of Arizona and Colorado for the missing plane, worth \$9 million (£5.5 million). Bad weather impeded their efforts. The jet showed no signs of mechanical failure and no crashes have been reported in the region. The air force said that, had the plane hit the ground, its bombs would not necessarily have exploded. An air force spokesman

said one possibility being considered was that Captain Button had stolen the jet.



Hit-team trial undermines Bonn's cosy relations with Iranian mullahs

Germany's true political dramas are played out in the courtroom rather than in parliament. Like a bored viewer, channel-hopping between soap operas, one could spend one's working life commuting between trials - of spymasters and traitors, a murderous doctor. Politburo bigwigs. a toupéed property dealer and befuddled skinheads with swastikas tattooed on their knuckles.

If, as expected, an Iranian hit team is jailed by a Berlin court this week, Wagnerian storm clouds will break over Europe's aiready choppy re-lationship with the Tehran



regime. Germany has been the most zealous proponent of Europe's "critical dialogue" with the mullahs. Yet the trial prosecutor has been

- shot in a Berlin restaurant five years ago — was ordered by Tehran.

An arrest warrant has been issued by the German authorities for Iran's Police Minister, Ali Fallahian, A guilty verdict in Berlin will effectively brand Iran as a sponsor of international terrorism and make it impossible to continue with the European line that seeks to reform the regime by selling it anything it can afford while tut-tutting whenever a dissi-dent is abducted.

There has been precious little "criticism" in this dia-

very little talk. A balance sheet covering five years of this entirely misconceived policy makes the situation plain. At least 11 Iranian exiles have been murdered and some 300 expatriates have been harassed or blackmailed. Some of these operations have been run from the Iranian Embassy in Bonn.

The price on Salman Rushdie's head has been raised, and in Iran, writers are feeling the pressure, not only from a rigorous censor. In the Middle East, Iran support for Hezbollah keeps the region on edge. There is,

admittedly, not much to show for the US alternative - an all-out trade boycott of Iran. Germany, whose excellent trading relationship with Tehran is rooted in the 1857 Friendship Treaty between Persia and Prussia, resists sanctions, claiming that it hurts only the Iranian people.

imilar arguments were mustered by Bonn dur-ing the Cold War. The essence of early Ostpolitik now applied to Iran, China and other closed regimes — is that trade encourages modernisers and that they lobby at home for human rights con-

in change. The German approach, adopted blindly by the European Union, ignores the rumblings of discontent. the revolutionary potential of ordinary people, and focuses on battles (some of them little more than quixotic imaginings) within the establishment. That leads to poor analysis and an almost cartoon version of events which constantly pits "liberals" against "hardliners" in a never ending Tom and Jerry knockabout. Iran has never fallen comfortably into these categories; it seems - after parliamentary elections and ahead of this year's presiden-

tial contest - that the Islamic conservatives are calling the tune. But the only meaningful key to understanding the Iranian political class is to look for, and build on, the pragmatic instincts of those who want to hang on to power. That means applying real pressure on every issue that matters.

The Iranian regime is capable of constructive action. It mediated in the conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia on Nagorno-Karabakh; it has made some efforts to stabilise the Trans-Caucasian republics, and in Central Asia Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

and Afghanistan — it has

role than Saudi Arabia or Pakistan. It does so because it can identify its goals in these

urope should spell out with equal clarity the limits of Iranian activities on the continent Killing or threatening to kill people in EU states should lead to swift expulsion of diplomats and the scaling down of trade missions. Steps progressively isolating Iran would probably have more impact than sanctions. Germany should take the first step, as soon as the Berlin court returns its

Election

threatens

EU treaty

timetable

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN SEUSSELS THE new-look Maastricht

meany comes up for a fresh round of haggling today with

continental governments

growing worried that Britain's election could derail the effort to tie up negotiations by June.

Although David Davis. the Minister for European Union.

is at the table in the Dutch resort of Noordwijk, London

is effectively playing Banquo's ghost as the other 14 govern-

ments go through the motions

without any real British

engagement.
The "conclave" of the inter-

governmental conference

(IGC) was called by the Dutch

to give fresh impetus to treaty talks that began a year ago

and are supposed to produce a blueprint for a more integrat-

ed Europe at an EU summit in

Amsterdam in June. British

resistance to any dilution of

the national veto has dominat-

ed the talks, masking wide

disagreement over defence,

the size of the European

Commission and the powers

Russian reformer heeds 'babushka' Thatcher's advice

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

BARONESS THATCHER is poised to play a central role in the dramatic reforms planned for Russia in the final years of the Yeltsin presidency, according to the most powerful new figure in Kremlin politics.

in a wide-ranging interview. Boris Nemtsov, the First Deputy Prime Minister appointed three weeks ago to shake up the Government, set out his ambitious strategy to tackle the most pressing matters facing Russia.

Young, good-looking and witty, the former liberal governor of Nizhny Novgorod compared his job to that of a kamikaze pilot. If he fails, his political career may plunge to destruction. If successful, he could become an unbeatable challenger for the presidency in 2000.

As he embarks on his mission to root out corruption, break up monopolies and sort out the country's chaotic pensions system, Mr Nemtsov revealed that he had discussed his plans in detail with Baroness Thatcher, a long-time friend and political ally, to whom at one point he referred

as babushka (granny).
"I was at her home in December in Chester Square. We discussed three topics: the damage caused by monopoand the state pension system." he told The Times at his new office in the White House in Moscow.

He said: "She may not know the details, but she is great in assessing the overall situa-tion." In his autobiography. The Provincial, which is launched in Russia this week, Mr Nemtsov makes it clear that more than just friendship unites them. "In general, I believe that Russia needs someone like Thatcher. She

knows what needs to be done and how to do it," he writes.

The 37-year-old former physicist can certainly use all the help he can get. After President Yeltsin and his influential daughter, Tatyana Dyachenko, persuaded him to accept the ministerial job, he infuriated Moscow's political elite by forcing them to use Russian-made cars instead of imported ones.

Last week he was instrumental in helping to water down the reunification treaty with Belarus, which had been criticised by fellow liberals as a pact with a dictatorship.

This week he plans to start tackling massive official corruption. He is pushing through a presidential decree forcing every ministry to put out to public tender all government contracts, which are currently conducted in secret, often with huge bribes for hureaucrats.

"It had to be the first step in the struggle against corrup-tion," said Mr Nemtsov. "Food and uniforms for the army, healthcare equipment,



Nemtsov: determined to purge corruption

grain and everything dealing with state supplies will be procured on the basis of open tenders."

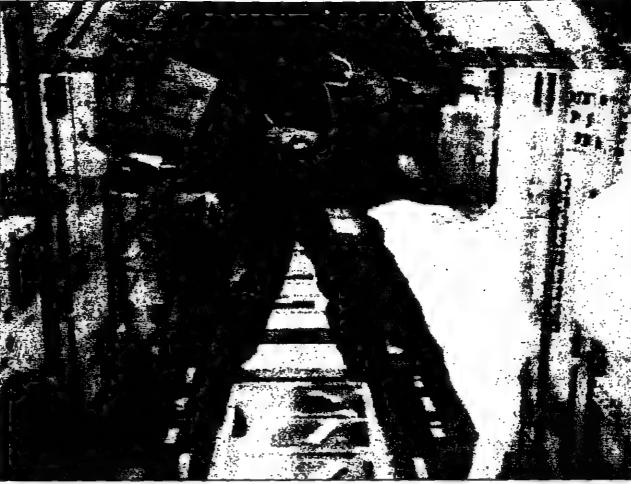
His next big challenge will be to break up Russia's power-ful monopolies, in particular the energy sector, the railways, roads and the huge gas conglomerate. This final move is likely to set him on a collision course with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, whose failure to tackle Russia's economic problems, such as unpaid wages and pensions, resulted in Mr Nemtsov's appointment.

Certainly, the brash young former governor is not afraid of a fight. In his book, he does not minoe his words about the Prime Minister he now serves.

"He is a good man ... but maybe he is not quite ready for prime ministerial work in conditions of crisis," he writes. "He is experienced ... but he wants to remain an economic planner, and has for a long time resisted the daily pres-sures forcing him into politics. He is in a dubious position."

Only the coming months will tell whether Mr Nemtsov can survive his battle with the Moscow establishment, a fight which led to the sacking last year of Aleksandr Lebed, the former National Security toes during his short tenure.

Nevertheless, Mr Nemtsov remained outwardly philo-sophical. He insisted that in accepting the job — against the wishes of his wife and daughter - he was not furthering any personal ambitions to become President. Few pundits in Moscow believe his denials. His ranking in a monthly poll of the country's most influencial political figures jumped last week from twenty-fourth to fourth.



American astronaut Janice Voss, above, takes a firm grip with her feet as she makes checks on board the Columbia space shuttle's spacelab at the weekend. She and five colleagues, including Roger Crouch, seen in the background, are to abort their

Shuttle mission aborted

(Quentin Letts writes). Nasa's Mission Control yesterday ordered Columbia to return to Earth two weeks earlier than scheduled. The mission

with an electric generator 20. The shuttle, which blasted off on Friday with a long list of scientific experiments to attempt, is expected to touch down at Kennedy Space Centre, Florida, tomorrow.

lost. Meanwhile, two Rus-

sians and an American on board the Russian space station Mir were stripped down to their waists yesterday as temperatures because of a problem with an air purification system. An unmanned rocket is on its way with spare parts.

of the European Parliament. EU officials are beginning to fret that the birth of a new British government in early May will leave too little time to bridge the differences and tie up the treaty by the summer. There is also a growing awareness that, while a Blair administration may be better disposed towards Europe, it almost the same lines as the Conservatives. Fresh negotiation may be needed in Luxembourg, the next EU presid-

ency, in the autumn. Souring the atmosphere as ministers gathered on the North Sea coast last night was a souabble over relations with China. France, Germany, Italy and Spain refused to agree on an EU declaration, supported by Britain and the other nine states, condemning China's human rights policies.

Whistle blown on French secret police

From Susan Bell in paris

A DISILLUSIONED former French spy who has written a book revealing the machinations of the French secret police is being sued by the Government for

Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minister, has brought the suit against Patrick Rougelet, whose book, The Scandal Machine, was published on Friday. In it, M Rougelet calls for the disbanding of the Renseignements Généraux (RG), on the grounds that it is a threat to democracy. Describing the organisation as "above the law". M Rougelet says the organisation's agents are the most powerful people in France. The force is "a state within a state uncontrolled by the judiciary or by parliament", he says, adding that French politicians are often indebted to the force because of its role in suppressing corrup-

His claims come at an embarrassing time for the ruling RPR party. Mysterious letters from a remarkably well-informed person to the judge investigating alleged illegal funding of the President and Prime Minister's party have included internal memos from the force, containing

tantalising references to RPR financing and Swiss banks. However, despite repeated requests from the judge, the RG director, Yves Bertrand, and a senior officer, Brigitte Henri, have denied having any useful knowledge, leading to speculation that they may soon be placed under formal investigation for withhold-

ing information.

M Rougelet compares the RG's methods to those of the KGB or the Stasi. The force was set up under the collaborationist Vichy government in 1941 to carry out "political surveillance" of Jews, communists and resistance members.

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Sports star 'seeks hand of princess'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAIAN IN MADRID

SOCCER-obsessed Spaniards have developed a sudden interest in handball, provoked by rumours that the Infanta Cristina de Borbón y Grecia, the second daughter of King Juan Carlos, will shortly announce her engagement to a Barcelona player.

The 31-year-old Infanta. third in line to the Spanish throne and a keen sports fan, is being linked to lñaki Urdangarin Liebaert, 29, who was a member of Spain's handball team at last year's Olympic Games in Atlanta. The Infanta Cristina was at the Games where she spent a good deal of time at the handball courts, exhorting the Spanish players to an unprecedented bronze medal. News of her impending engage-ment to Señor Urdangarin was broken last Tuesday by a television station. Last week a journalist mis-

led Doña Pilar de Borbón, the King's older sister, into believ ng that an announcem the engagement had been made. A delighted Doña Pilar revealed that she "knew all about" Señor Urdangarin.
"He is extremely handsome," she added.

King Juan Carlos, visiting Mexico, said guardedly: "Yes, they are friends, and they go out as friends, but nothing more." However, he added

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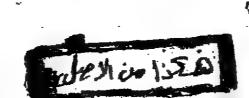
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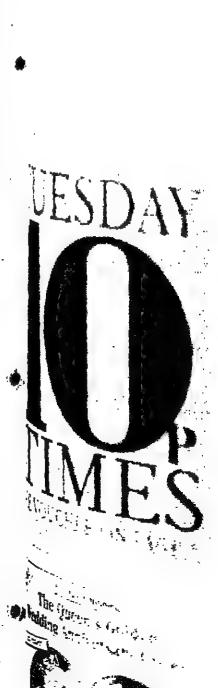
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their own.

similar purpose — to stop the DNA fraying. They also have

regions in the centre, called centromeres. Between these two fixed points are the genes. The artificial chromosome created by the Cleveland team

is simple, containing only one

gene, plus synthetic telomeres

and centromeres. They were all

inserted separately into human

cells in culture. Then, just as

the researchers hoped, the cells'

own machinery assembled them in the right order, and

covered them in chromatin, the

protein that surrounds chromo-

somes. The cells then treated

the new chromosome as it if were one of

chromosome did. too, copying itself for 240

successive divisions over the six-month period for which the culture was followed.

Since this was a test-tube culture, it is impossible to know whether it would have functioned in the body. "We have every reason to expect that human genes would be

in Cleveland, hopes to exploit the develop-

ment by treating blood disorders such as

sickle cell amaemia, haemophilia, and

immune deficiencies. Blood would be

removed from a patient, treated so that its

cells contained synthetic chromosomes able

to make the missing proteins, and returned.

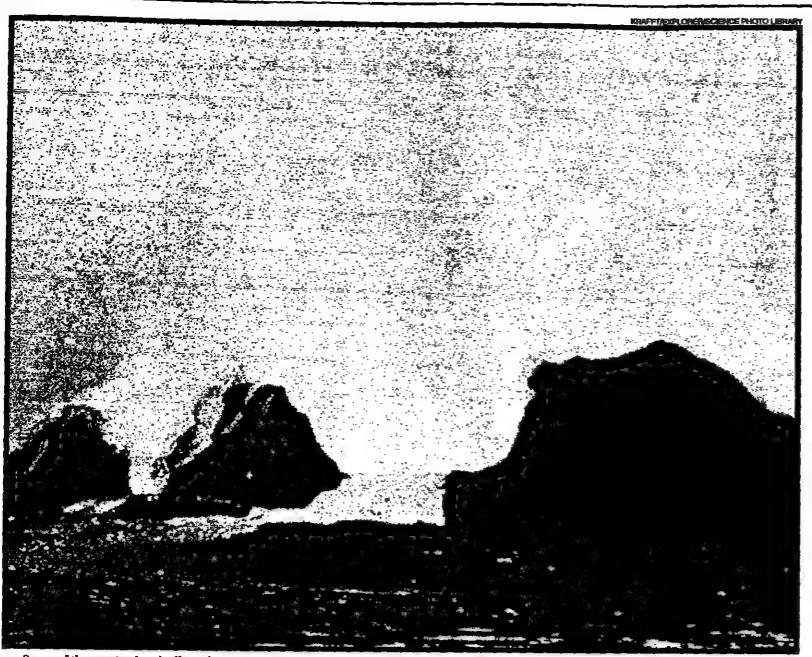
If it worked, the disease would be cured. Medicine is seldom that simple, but it is nice

expressed just fine," says Dr Willard. A biotech company. Athersys, also based

When the cells divided, the artificial

that the robot cannot become too rough.

A prototype has been built, and its



Some of the most volcanically active regions lie under key airline routes, where billowing clouds of volcanic ash pose a threat to air traffic

Sitting on a time bomb

expert predicts an eruption and warns a nearby town to evacuate: the warning is ignored, with deadly consequences. The plot of Dante's Peak, in which Pierce Brosnan stars as the heroic vulcanologist, could easily be dismissed Yet the truth about volcanoes. Nature's most vicious and dramatic time bombs,

makes for disturbing reading. Vulcanologists predict, using historical records, that a major eruption is imminent. As yet. there is no foolproof method of knowing which of the planet's 600-odd active volcanoes will wood's reading of the situation isn't too wide of the mark.

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And there's worse. Some of the most volcanically active regions, such as the Aleutian Islands off Alaska, lie under key airline routes. The United States Geological Survey estimates that for four days a year, billowing clouds of volcanic ash pose a significant

hazard to air traffic. Satellites look likely to pro-

money

Vulcanologists predict a major eruption — but they cannot say where. Anjana Ahuja reports vide the answer. Two Eurotion would be capable of an American vulcanologist measuring shifts in

centimetres. However, scien-

tists admit that the time lag

between seeing a shift and an

eruption could be anything

Until now, researchers have

had to garner information

from instruments on the ground and aircraft flyovers. They have enjoyed some suc-

cess - the eruption in 1991 of

Mount Pinasubo in the Philip-

pines was forecast, and 85,000

people were evacuated. An

ea was also predicted 24 hours

beforehand. However, ground

present serious drawbacks.

instruments and

from hours to months.

pean remote sensing satellites. ERS-I and ERS-2, have been monitoring ground move-ments at Mount Etna. Next year will see the launch of AM-, an American satellite that will map lava flows, measure the drift of volcanic clouds, and monitor emissions of sulphur dioxide. Another satellite, LightSAR, which would provide the most detailed and consistent information on volcanic activity so far, is in the

planning stage. can shift vertically by about six inches prior to an eruption." says Dr Jeffrey Plaut, a geologist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, and researcher on

LightSAR.
"It is caused by the magma swelling around the summit. The groundshifts tend to go hand in hand with changes in lava flows and emissions." The LightSAR instrumenta-

First, it is often risky for people and planes to get too close to an volcano — several vulcanologists have died over the past few years during ground experiments. Instruments cumb to the harsh environment, and they can also perish if the volcano

Dr Plaut "There rend to be precursors to eruptions, and one of these pulses in activity can be enough to wipe out instru-

That makes data-gathering patchy, which renders the identification of trends almost impossible. Another hindrance is that not all areas are accessible, either because the terrain is remote or

because of political barriers. These remote regions can be monitored from space. It would also assist countries who cannot afford to maintain a network of ground instru-ments. The other bonus is that radar can be used night and day, and in cloudy weather. giving more consistent coverage. The pulses are bounced off the Earth, and any change in the returning "echoes" indi-

four satellites with the sole intention of monitoring the turbulent "ring of fire" sur-rounding the Pacific. Thought to be one of the most active regions, it also happens to sit beneath a popular flight path.

In these cash-strapped times, Dr Pieri has floated the idea of funding the constellafee on every airline passens flying those routes. In other words, the scheme would introduce a "volcano tax". The plan is being discussed by the aviation

has come up with an intrigu-

ing idea. Dr Dave Pieri, also

from the Jet Propulsion Lab-

oratory, has proposed installing a constellation of three or

authorities. "The route from The height Anchorage to Toof the kyo passes over about 300 active volcanoes." Dr ground can Pieri says. "With the South-East shift by Asian economy growing so quick-ly, traffic can only about six expand. The great inches' threat is that voicanic plumes can

reach aircraft altitudes. The ash gets sucked in the engine and melts, and this can stop the engine cooling. As a result, the engines can overheat. It really is a pressing issue. To my mind, it is the most direct worldwide threat from volcanoes.

Dr Pieri is not the only expert anxious to hurry research along. Bill McGuire, a vulcanologist from University College London, has repeatedly warned that too little is being done to prepare for the worst. Vulcanologists around the world think that the issue is taking on a fresh urgency. especially as the settlements dormant volcanoes

But despite the fears, vulca-nologists have to cope with funding problems and political hurdles. Plans for a dedivolcano satellite, the

Volcano Infrared Eruption Watcher (View), were shelved last year. It might yet be revived.

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Dr Pieri also acknowledges the "dicey balancing act" needed to protect people, but at the same time guard against false alarms. After all, evacuating populations is an expensive task and nobody would want

to get it wrong.

Dr Pieri says: "This goes all the way back to Pompeii. There is evidence that a lot of people knew something big was on the way, but because the town was a rich agricultural region, and a resort for the Roman literati, nothing was done. And look what hap-

in African variations THE argument over whether human beings emerged in Africa or, as has generated a lot of heat.

Human origins lie

THE understanding of human genes is growing fast, but the clinical applications of the new

knowledge are proving much more clusive. What does it profit us to know the genetic fault responsible for cystic fibrosis if we cannot use a

corrected gene to put it right?

It is turning out to be very difficult to insinuate single

genes into cells, make them

work, and thereby cure disease.

An alternative approach is

certainly welcome, and may

have opened up with the cre-ation by American scientists of

the first artificial human chro-

Human beings have about 100,000 genes,

found in the nucleus of cells wrapped in

packages called chromosomes. Since there

are only 23 pairs of chromosomes, each one

contains many genes. The chromosomes act as stable platforms to enable the genes to do

their job of creating proteins in a predictable way. So far, individual genes carried into

the cell on the back of a virus, for example, have facked this stability of expression. Dr Huntington Willard and colleagues from Case Western Reserve University in

Cleveland, Ohio, have followed a different

approach. Rather than trying to get individ-

ual genes into an existing chromosome, they

propose creating a chromosome to contain

t. And their experiments, reported in

Nature Genetics, are encouraging evidence

Chromosomes are not simply long stretches of DNA. They have terminal

regions called telomeres, often compared to

that they may be able to do it.

HOOSOITIES.

some argue, everywhere, Now a new study supports the out-of-Africa hypothesis by showing that today's African populations have a greater genetic

diversity than Europeans or Asians. Genetic changes accumulate slowly, so the longer a population stays in one place, the greater the number of variations in its genes. If a group emigrates, it takes a sub-set

of the genes containing less than the full extent of variation. This difference can be detected even hundreds of generations later. The out-of-Africa proponents would therefore expect African populations to be more varied, as shown by Dr Lynn Jorde, of the University of Utah, and colleagues in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. They looked at 60 different genetic regions in the genes of Africans, Asians and Europeans. Diversity was 20 per cent higher among Africans, consistent with an African origin of modern humans, says Dr Jorde.

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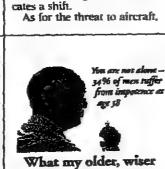
GERMAN engineering is rightly celebrated, but some might besitate to submit themselves to its latest product -- a mechanical massage machine produced by the Fraunhofer Institute for Manufactur-

ing Engineering and Automation in Stuttgart. The machine is designed to deliver a soothing massage to the back and legs without human intervention.

The moving robot arms travels up and down the body, gently lowering the massage "head" to purumel the flesh. Various heads are available, including coarsened rubber, bristles, or what the institute calls "nubs". The pressure and type of massage can be programmed from the prone position, but built-in safety systems ensure

designers expect manufacturers will be keen to make it more commercial. Fitness centres, suntan studios and hotels are all expected to be keen; but the machine really seems purpose-designed for a James Bond film.





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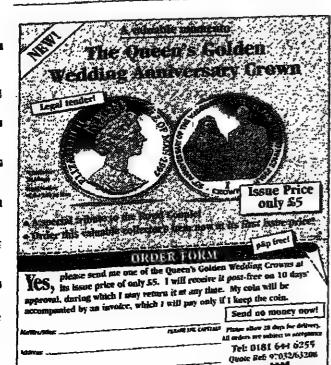
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'I was there when my wife died and the frame fitted very neatly'



remy Lowndes has not touched spirits since the night his wife was battered to death at the couple's villa on the Costa del Sol and he leapt from a balcony, breaking both

Abstinence was thrust upon the Old Etonian property millionaire after his arrest and conviction for murder. "If I had not spent the past four years in a Spanish jail as a guest of King Juan Carlos I would unquestionably be dead of drink now," he says while nursing a modest glass of red

Undoubtedly, the hardship of prison life has mellowed him, and marriage to the woman he courted by letter from his prison cell has tamed a temper once described as perhaps the worst in London".

His new wife, Barbara, is fiercely protective of 68-year-old Mr Lowndes; her belief in his innocence is instinctive and unshakeable. The couple,

who were married in February, are plainly devoted to each other.

in the Wiltshire village of Fonthill Bishop, is a world away from the Costa del Sol enclave for the seriously rich where Jeremy Lowndes was arrested after his first wife was found dying in a puddle of blood. There are no millionaire neighbours here, no Babylonian lunch parties fuelled with drink.

The second Mrs Lowndes will not allow her husband to dwell on the night that his first wife was bludgeoned to death with a blunt instrument (which was never recovered). "He is the innocent party, the priority now is to build our life together - he needs peace and quiet, we both do." she says.

Today, Mr Lowndes still finds it painful to talk about the death of Carmel Lowndes, a society beauty in the 1950s who was formerly married to the Earl of Kimberley, a prominent Tory peer. "I loved

The couple at the heart of a Costa murder mystery talk of their love for the first time to Bill Frost Their home, a small cottage

my first wife very much. She was a wonderful person and our years together were very happy." he says.

Recalling how the three met on the Costa del Sol, where Barbara had sought sanctuary after the death of her husband. he says: "We became very. very close. Carmel and I were the firmest of friends with

Jeremy and Carmel, the daughter of Australian boxing champion Michael Maguire. had married in 1954 - two years after her divorce from the earl. The relationship was passionate and, according to some who knew the couple, occasionally stormy. But this is a suggestion that angers him. Suddenly there is a flash of the old temper. "People row of course, but any hint that our marriage was tempestuous is



Carmel and Jeremy Lowndes on their wedding day in 1954

law, Robert St John. The table

was filled with bottles of

vintage champagne, fine red

Mr and Mrs Lowndes saw

their guests to bed before

enjoying a nightcap. Both

of them had been drinking

were woken some time in the

small hours by Mr Lowndes.

He told them his wife was

io "steady his nerves", Lady Wodehouse went upstairs to

find 68-year-old Mrs Lowndes

unconscious on the landing

outside her bedroom. It was plain she was about to die.

At his trial in Cadiz, Jeremy Lowndes told the panel of three judges that he had been

roused from a stupor by his wife's

screams. He de-

nied claims by his stepson and Lady Wodehouse that he

seriously injuring

killed

mother."

dead. While Mr Lowndes poured himself another drink

heavily throughout the day. Lord and Lady Wodehouse

wine and the best brandy.

completely untrue. We were wonderful together."

On the night of the murder in July 1992, the couple had hosted a dinner party at their villa for Carmel's son by the earl, Lord Wodehouse, his wife Carol and her brother-inhis wife's murder and sentenced to nine years imprisonment. The verdict was passed to him while he was still recovering from his injuries in mum security prison.

neatly around my head," he says. "I was tried by a panel of judges who presumed I was responsible from the start - I was guilty before I limped into His wife tries to stop him

a witness for the defence, Mr

Lowndes was found guilty of

talking of his ordeal, knowing the pain that his memories bring. "Please, please ... the whole thing was too terrible." she says. But Mr Lowndes is not to be deterred. "Lots of my time behind bars was totally horrific — complete hell. There were moments of despair, a few times when I cried, which for me is completely out of character - I am not one to

buckle under pressure." His health deteriorated dramatically while he was in jail. His wife pales and grips the edge of the table as he tells how, for 17 months of his sentence, he was treated for "a painful prostate problem".

Once again, she implores him not to dwell on his time behind bars. Once again, he ploughs on: "I had a catheter

and a bag — one night I woke to find The it full of blood but the warders couldn't have cared priority Mr Lowndes says he was sus-

said to them: "I now is for think I have just tained during his your us to build "wrongful Soon after wakincaceration" our lives ing his guests, Mr letters from the Lowndes jumped from a halcony. woman who was to together' hecome his wife.

his back and ankle The court was told he had said: "I don't know why I did it. Life is not worth living any

Mr Lowndes could barely remember the night of his wife's murder and must have jumped while under the influence of alcohol and prescription drugs, the court heard. His defence counsel implied that Lord Wodehouse could have been responsible for the killing. The 45-year-old peer has since inherited his mother's estate.

Even though no murder weapon was produced, and lain West, one of Britain's leading pathologists, cast doubt on the prosecution's evidence when he appeared as

"Love grew from pondence. Before I was jailed, we were just friends," he says. And Capital

The new Mrs Lowndes realised, too, that the relationship was changing while her friend was behind bars. "I wrote because I was concerned for Jeremy — I knew he was innocent and was outraged that the court convicted him anyway. Then something else began to grow and there came a point when we both knew we were in love. "We are an ideal couple and the relationship is idyllic, some amazing dream come true. I admire Jeremy so much: he is a man with true

Jeremy Lowndes was freed last August after serving four years of his sentence. All his

time was spent in maximum security prisons, despite his age and infirmity. "I was freed for being what they called a model prisoner. There is an other interpretation — I think my lawyer used friends of friends who were well connect-

the kind of country Spain is. "I still believed in logic until the night my wife died. I really thought justice would prevail and they would find me not guilty, leaving the crime un-

ed in the prison service. That's

Once again he speaks of the close relationship he had with his first wife and the bond that was to grow between them and the woman he would later marry. "Carmel, Barbara and were the firmest of friends. We all got on from the start and any suggestion to the

contrary is quite wrong." Barbara Lowndes is proud her new husband. She introduces him to her circle of friends in Wiltshire while protecting him against those who fragile security - reporters

search of the "Costa Killer". "I love him and he has been through enough already, and the way this has been handled by some sections of the press."

important, our future is." Mr Lowndes is more sanguine. He laughs at his tormentors and promises a book telling his side of the story.

had little else to think about while I was in prison, so the writing should not be too difficuit. I'll need a brace of libel lawyers at each elbow,

So does he claim to know the identity of his first wife's killer? He nods and begins to reply. But once again Barbara interjects. "No. no. no! That's enough ... please just leave the subject alone. Surely that's enough, it is finished, it is







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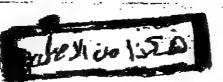
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'She is the smiliest, most playful of babies. It's true a dad can be more affectionate to a daughter'

year ago, six months after his father's death, Martin Amis told me he missed his dad most when he wanted to discuss some point of language with him. This may have seemed to some a peculiarly cerebral form of bereavement. But the shorthand dialogue between two like minds is the greatest loss. "I'm always dying to tell him things," Martin says.

Of course. Mangled, mis-used words were the lingua franca of Amis père et fils. How they chortled in derision at the berks and oiks who could not spell, pronounce or use correctly the word je-june". (Nothing to do with icune, and means thin, not puerile.) "Martin and I," Kingsley once told me, "have our ears permanently pricked for the way people say things."
Kingsley, who would have

been 75 next week, is now back in the bestsellers with The King's English, his commonthe language

I met Martin in The Engineer pub in Primrose Hill. At 47, he finds himself the father of a substantial family (four) and has moved with the writer Isabel Fonseca and their new baby Fernanda into a handsome stuccoed house in the road where his father lived.

It was perfectly possible as it was with Kingsley - to spend the entire lunch arguing and laughing about words: the mysterious derivation of sycophant (one who shows figs); of penis/pencil; of meticulous ("beset by small fears"). "I'm slightly to the left of him, on language as on everything else," Martin said. "I don't say medi-eval', do you? " (I do, actually.)

He was astonished to find this book complete after his father's death. "I used to take the two boys to lunch there every Sunday, and would go to have a cigarette in his study. I remember seeing the 'Déjà vu' section on his desk and thought it was perfectly perceived and executed. But I rather doubted that there was a book's worth of stuff.

"After his stroke, he would struggle for words, even to complete a cliché. He would still tap away, but Mum said he was battling with the same sentence, day after day. Poor,

"So I was amazed, when I got the typescript, at how solid and finished it was, and to find him at his most incisive, fair-



minded, and wise. Some reviewers called it idiosyncratic. What did they expect from

Kingsley? The title is an in-joke. Kingsley Amis was not fancying hiraself Fowler, or forgetting that it's now The Queen's English, as foolish pedants harrumphed. "The King" was how he was known among friends - a literary gangwrote to The Spectator to say. (Close friends addressed him

as "Kingers". "Robert Conquest was Conquers," says Martin. "And they 'For him. referred to Solzhethe year nitsyn as Sol-I love the book

1995-6 because he deals moved off with my bête noire, the now common the Richter misuse of "may" for "might" when scale' the outcome is already known. "I may have died" or

The Queen may have got engaged to several other suitors before Prince Philip" are priceless examples that I wish the King were here to share.

obsession." Martin said, "is 'if it were and 'if it was'. I once read, 'If the Big Bang were an instantaneous event - and thought, well, it's the beginning of time, that long ago, it has to be 'was'. But a philosopher friend tells me great minds have wrestled with this and not managed to get it straight. It's one of the great miasmas of language."

Martin, who took a congratulatory First in English at Oxford, is less classically educated than his father, having small Latin (O-level grade D) and no Greek. On a French TV programme he needed an interpreter but so did John

A year in which Martin Amis's father died, also saw the birth of a daughter. It left him both "strengthened and emboldened"

Updike and V.S. Naipaul. Still, in the impromptu brilliance of his conversation, and the muscular diligence of his writing, he outclasses his father. He would never use a word against its derivation: You can't say a dilapidated hedge' when 'lapis' is stone." dictionary is wellthumbed, and as Kingsley writes: "The habit of consultdying out." In fact the book's retrain is Going, Going, as in

Larkin's morose poem. The apostrophe is going, the possessive gerund going, the subgone. Change and decay in all around he sees. Yet it is also full of jokes. just as Martin's 1970s New Statesman column, This English, was. Martin supplied

his father with several items. it was he who told him about his dentist saying "Open widely". And Martin who heard Jessica Lange at the Golden Globes in Hollywood saying "Lastly but not leastly, I'd like to thank . . ."

Kinsley Amis is scathing of snob usages: "Connexion" is not classier than "connection". But he still sets some arbitrarily snobby U/Non-U traps: crossed sevens are "an affectation"; he judges it absurd to pronounce Latin as Latin, not English; he disallows the useful "forever" as in "I'm forever blowing bubbles". He insists that alas is pronounced "alahs." Pfui! as he would say.

Most infuriating is "Womanese". The Amises share a conviction that all women are Mrs Malaprops. Most of Kingsley's examples are from Martin's novel The Information — "the only page he read: I marked it for him".

Martin says all the women in his life mangle phrases, and his mother, Hilly, is "world heavyweight champion". (She once said, "Get your A levels,

and the world's your lobster".)
It is a relief to see Martin Amis smile. For him, the year 1995-6 moved off the Richterscale of stress indicators: his marriage broke up; Isabel Fonseca was pregnant; he moved house; he had his teeth expensively fixed. He disched his agent and his publisher; he was accused of greed and in a painfully public rift, lost his old friend Julian Barnes. His long-disappeared cousin Lucy Partington turned out to be one of Fred West's victims. The Information was about the mid-life crisis and it became a mid-life crisis: he said all he needed now was the death of a

However, he says, a crisis strengthens and emboldens you. And it passes. One bonus was the emergence of Delilah Seale, his daughter from a 1975 graduate of 21. Two new books are finished. And in November. Fernanda arrived. smiliest, most playful" of babies, he dotingly says. He can see what he missed by not knowing Delilah's babyhood. Girl and boy babies are like kittens and puppies. Boys are shake their fur at you. And it's true that a dad can be more affectionate to a daughter. With a boy, even when they're six months old you're on the brink of having the conversation that begins This is all very well, but you have to stand on your own

His tennis partner, Zachary Leader, editing the Amis letters, says they are mercifully "not too bad" on the racist/sexist front. "I said to Kingsley when the Larkin letters came out, 'yours will be even worse, what are you going to do about it?" and he 'Nothing. 11 be dead. you'll have to deal with it'. One of the few times he referred cheerfully to his own death."

I wonder if Martin will ever shake off the son-of-Kingsley rag. A New Statesman competition for unlikely book titles included "Martin Amis: My Struggle". Good joke - but the fact that Amis junior should prove to be good as well as lucky was "a bit bloody much". "I sort of overstayed Kingsley's welcome, by sticking around, not shutting up after a couple of novels. I came down with a full set of dad's

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enes and talents, and people thought 1'd bucked the work ethic, by my struggle not being

Well, no, because I'm still overstaying the welcome." He remains fixed in favour of fiction above biography as revealing of the writer's soul; it is "the only way to redeem the formlessness of life, otherwise the stuff itself would strike me as unendurably thin". Come on, he can hardly call his recent life thin. "But the entanglements of life are shapeless ust brute happenstance neavy-hunded reality."

He says a writer is, by definition, one who is most alive when alone. "But there's a big bill to pay. It makes you very detached. I notice, even with the haby, if I'm very preoccupied with writing, and come down and pick her up and kiss her. it's as if she's a stranger because I'm so elsewhere. But that's the only complaint I have against the job." As he told Melvyn Bragg in his South Bank interview, there is no point in writing at all unless you think you're the best; every writer thirsts for Johnsonian longevity of esteem, and posthumous survival - but will never know if he gets it.

ingsley would have winced to hear Sue Lawley introducing Martin on Desert Island Discs recently with a howling dangler: Cool, witty and 47, writing is of overwhelming importance to him."
He would also have heard Martin concede to Sue that the death of the intercessionary parent promotes one into the temporal front line - and that this is both energising and liberating, "Surely I must now go from boy to man," he said. "I can't, surely to God, still be the Bad Boy, as I approach my The King is dead; long live

the King; and from what he tells me, the princes Louis and Jacob are a brace of sharp

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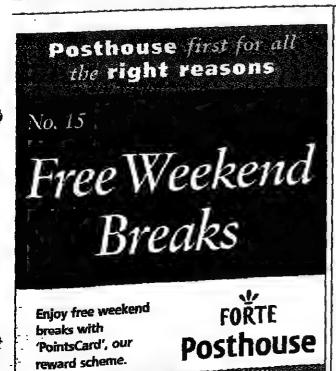
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cannot remember ever having been in a Roman Catholic country over Easter until ten days ago when I was in Mexico. It seemed appropriate to go to the cathedral on Good Friday morn-ing, but I was unprepared for the power of the spectacle and impact of the service being "performed". Theatre has always been integral

to organised religion. But first there was an even older spectacle than the great Catholic Mass. Walking across Zocalo the historic centre of the city where the Spanish conquerors literally overlaid the two principal Aztec pyramids, the sound of drumming ricocheted around the vast square. A small crowd circled dancers who were wearing the huge plumed head-dresses, the multiple anklets and wristlets of soft-sounding shells and the ornamental costumes of the Aztecs.

In the centre of the dancers' circle was a blanket on which were laid various fruits and pots and a bowl of what looked like incense. Periodically, one of the dancers Damnation of Faust comes to the Coliseum **OPENS:** Tonight REVIEW: Wednesday





Being abroad always stirs up a curious mixture of domestic loyal-It is uncomfortably easy to be sentimental about foreign poverty but in Mexico City, as in other places, one inevitable location for that poverty is the door of the churches and cathedrals. Beggars, many of them small children, the deformed, the bleak-eyed hawkers of weary trinkets form an avenue of pain to the west door, somehow giving the huge artistically munificent structure a core purpose.

Inside, in gloom, the most striking first impression was of great green pillars, a forest of closely criss-crossed scaffolding. The cathedral has been sinking ever since its first beginnings on the marshy foundations which the Aztecs drained so expertly and this is just the latest shoring-up.

which give the cathedral such height, soon seemed a part, even a necessary part, of what was happening that morning. There was a procession going around the cathedral led by the Bishop and his acolytes, followed by a life-sized statue of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción held aloft by eight men and they in turn were followed by a crammed congregation, some bearing candles, all ready with the response or the singing when the procession paused and the church was peppered with television sets. The service was being transmitted

To a North of England Anglican, all this weeping and idolatry ought to have been anathema. Instead it was impossible to resist being swept up in it, as

reason might be the recurrence of the word esperanza. Who else, what else was offering, had offered, hope to so many despite all the cruelties of a religion often appropriated by wicked men? Or was my feeling part of being in a was my feeling part of being in a wholly benign crowd, a common mass, with its own mysterious sense of communion? Or was there the knowledge of what delusions and failings as well as quiet acts of heroism had gone before that procession and come from a religion begun by appealing to the meek and the humble?

A few miles away in Izrapalapa, there was a re-enactment of the events of Easter. For three days the parts were played by the towns-people as they have been for 15 decades. This year Christ, a me-chanic, was hoisted onto an enormous cross, his chest bleeding from the lashes. Over two million people joined that procession. Yet again it turned into spectacle this time television - where some could have thought it the real.

Swept away by the sheer spectacle of it all

would take up the smoking bowl and as it were furnigate one of the others who then took the lead in the next stage of the dance. There was an endearing bashfulness about the performance which seemed at odds with the dark

rhythms of the drums.

Watching such a colourful and intricate display it was difficult to believe that a few yards away, in the reign of one Aztec Emperor alone at the end of the 15th century, it is recorded that 80,000 captives were slaughtered to provide the sun with life-giving blood. The spectacle of slaughter continued on this spot under the Spanish with for instance, an Englishman, George Rowley, burnt, an Irish-man, John Martin, garrotted and burnt, and later, 50 bulls killed in two days to celebrate the canonisation of St Ignatius. Perhaps the Indian dancers were not

only reminding us of what had been but still slyly claiming that space which is now dominated by another religion of sacrifice, incense and ritual.

The Blue Guide says that the Catedral Metropolitana de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción is the largest of Mexican cathedrals ... and the noblest ecclesiastical edifice in the Americas . . . its combination of different styles, from Renaissance to Neo-Classical is a reflection of the 250 years it took to complete." I confess that when reading up on it beforehand what most immediately caught my eye were the British connections. "On 13th July 1659 Oliver Cromwell's death was celebrated with Te Deum, High Mass and litanies of Our Lady." It was like pulling a lever at Clapham Junction and seeing a train switch tracks in Kashmir. Then again I read that



"the matchless Altar de los Reyes" includes six Royal female Saints among whom were Margaret of Scotland and Edith of England, while Edward the Confessor is one of only three Royal male Saints.

But these new pillars, matching, in any great theatrical event. One What Turner. did first

on paper alone in the Turner bequest, housed in the Tate's Clore Gallery. In this latest in a series of shows by outside scholars, Eric Shanes has tackled what must be the most challenging of the 365 catego-ries into which Alexander Finberg organised the drawings and watercolours in 1904-09. Called Colour Beginnings, it is the rag-bag into which Finberg threw everything too vague to be identifiable.

Shanes's two years of detec-tive work, which included exploring the Plymouth estu-aries to try to identify just two watercolour sketches, have yielded impressive results. Not only has he pinpointed the location of around 80 of the 390 works in this catalogue section, he has come up with new information on the way Turner built up his finished watercolour scenes. Turner was notoriously secretive about his working methods. but the mass of evidence he left behind lays bare his mind in the act of making ideas visible

The Beginnings, unlike Turner's pencil drawings, were done not in the open air but in the studio, as a complementary part of the preparation for a finished work.

VISUAL ART: **Isabel Carlisle** on the Tate's

glimpse into the master's method

Broadly they are divided into sketches (experiments that lead nowhere discernible) and studies (the basis for an identifiable scene). Some of the sketches are paper-tests in which Turner tested how the hard, smooth, legal vellum that he used took up certain colours. He might then turn the random splotches into a landscape. Some are roughly painted scenes put in a bucket of water to lift the pigments and create subtle diffusions of tones that conveyed atmospheric effects. Most are extremely sketchy, like the studies, and show Turner using his extraordinarily visual memory to play around with different combinations of

tone, mass and colour. The studies are what we would find underneath a work such as Powis Castle, Montgomery, with a hunter aiming at a heron in the foreground, were we able to strip away the figures and the details. In a Beginning abandoned by Turner and thought to be for an Italian view, Shanes has identified an alternative underpainting for Powis Cas-tle. Four very faint horizontal grey lines across the slopes of a distant pink mass were the linking clue to the stepped terraces of the castle. A splash of crimson turns out to be Turner's visual short-hand for death, in the shape of the hunter.

Shanes's successful matching of many of the colour sketches with finished works points away from reading these Beginnings as essays in abstraction and therefore from seeing them as works of art in their own right. I found it impossible, however, not to respond to these deliquescent washes, with blotted clouds in streaked skies and rapid foreground to indicate trees or buildings. They may not prefigure American Abstract Expressionism, but they surely have an emotional link to Turner's later oils of Venice, which took atmospheric abstraction to its limits.

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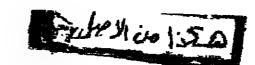
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POP: A professional but processed show from Eternal. Plus, disappointment from a star line-up at Shepherds Bush



Britain's other platinum-selling girl band, Eternal, gave the popcorn-munching faithful what they came for

The sound of a well-oiled machine

upstaging the beer concession at this charm-free venue, you can be sure that family entertainment is the order of the evening. The Australian newcomers Human Nature, opening the show here but already gold-selling pin-ups back home, warmed young hands and hearts with a polished routine that featured their forthcoming UK debut single Wishes. The countless other groups stacked like sardines in the boy band market will just have to make room. Headliners Eternal have en-

joyed three and a half years of unbroken and, until recently, unrivalled success, their stride not even checked by Louise's departure for a star on her

Then popcorn competition among all-girl sales appear to be groups has not rather uncleased. groups has got rather warmer, thanks to the new dominant flavour of five-Spice.

Such global supremacy may be in another league to Eter-nal, but then Easther and Vernie Bennett and Kelle Bryan are not the same cut of pon wannabee as the Spice Girls. One has watched them build firm foundations with a seamless series of well-tailored singles and two enormously successful albums, and with their third set, Before the Rain, selling more than 100,000 copies in its first seven days on sale last month, their batteries still seem quite able to power the machine.

Yet as their relentless rise reached its inevitable apogee on this arena tour, it was hard to shake the conclusion that Eternal are becoming just

Eternal Wembley Arena

ine" with many of the showbiz cliches that entails. So ambitious are the production values of this new show, so obsessive the attention to image, costume change and grandiose set-piece, that the singing is almost an encumbrance. Thus on Friday evening, a Disneyesque air of make-believe descended: at times it was more like a visit to a circus than a concert, a spectable easy to watch, even to admire, but not to interact with.

Their grand entrance was spun out over five minutes onto a set that was part space launch and part game show. They were eventually lowered to stage level on a kind of hydraulic swing to perform

Power of a Woman, wearing bizarre, over-sized leather and PVC creations. Over the next 90 minutes, all three young women worked astonishingly hard with an exacting set that was almost a variety performance in itself, with individual showpieces like Kelle's tap dancing take on Michael Jackson's Jam and Vernie's besuited remake of Peter Ca-briel's Big Time. Vocally, Easther took the driving seat as ever and never put a note wrong.

Thus their popcorn-munching faithful got what they came for, but in a curiously uninvolving show, Eternal seemed to have completed the journey from pop music to showbusiness, a sojourn on which spontaneity is just so much excess baggage.

PAUL SEXTON

Not Ike's night

FRESH from cutting an allstar album with more guests than a Forte Travelodge, the guitarist Joe Louis Walker chose London to showcase two of them — the home-based axeman Otis Grand and, more importantly, the famous or, according to your point of view. infamous Ike Turner.

While Turner's personal values may have been questioned, his musical ones never have. Here is an artist whose roots stretch all the way back to Howlin' Wolf and Elmore James. Teaming him with Walker, one of the most soulful of the new generation of black blues artists, must have seemed an inspired move. Yet for all the talent on show, this was a sadly low-key, sometimes disjointed, evening which never lived up to its initial promise.

It started well enough with Walker displaying his updated brand of the kind of chunky rhythms and testifying vocals that used to come out of the Stax studios in the 1960s and 1970s. Then Grand was called on stage to play a lap steel in

Joe Louis Walker and Ike Turner Empire, W12

an unexpected but welcome homage to the Texan steel guitar master, Hop Wilson. Off went Grand, on came

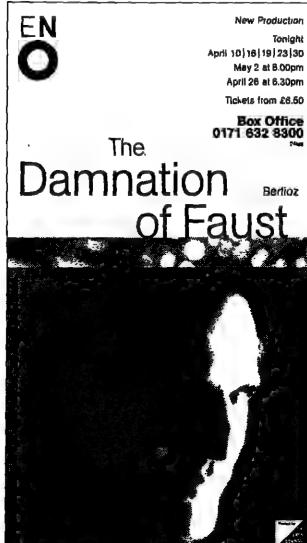
Turner. Well, almost. In an incident which summed up much of the evening, there was an introduction, a fanfare, but no Ike. "I guess he's still upstairs," said a sheepish Walker as the band riffed away. Turner finally appeared wearing white tie and white tails, looking remarkably good for his 65 years. He settled down at the keyboards for an almost solo Ray Charles-like number before launching into a pleasant, if slightly perfunctory, version of the old Joe Turner warhorse, Shake, Rattle and Roll. Getting into his stride, Turner followed that with a powerful boogie that "Pinetop Perkins taught me about 50 years ago". As the evening started to warm up, Turner switched to guitar and shared the vocals with Walker on Early in the Morning. What appeared to be a

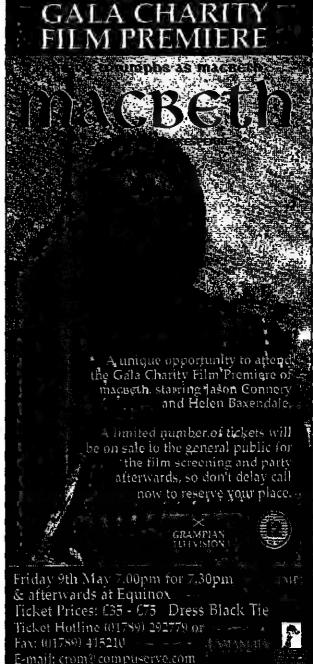
classic night in the making then went awry as lke intro-duced his wife Jeanette, a blonde, Pamela Anderson lookalike who shimmied on stage for a couple of songs and then shimmied off.

The rest of the evening had Turner switching from guitar to piano once more for a version of Rocket 88, and then letting Walker back into the spotlight as the show started to get back on to an even keel. By then, it was too late. The barn-like atmosphere of the Empire didn't help, more rehearsals would have eliminated the pauses between numbers, and the audience wasn't that receptive either. In the words of Turner's old Memphis chum B.B. King, the talent was here, "but the thrill

JOHN CLARKE







Minghella's silence

man of the month, a new theatre company (Rascal Productions) has revived a stage though something of her version of his 1989 radio play, originally also directed by himself and, like The English Patient, a winner of prizes. The programme does not reveal who adapted the script

for the stage, and perhaps only a minimum of adaptation was required since the essence of the piece is a young woman's decision to stop speaking, and the dialogue consists of attempts by her friends and lovers to combat this seemingly inexplicable act. In the theatre we are able to see the silent Gemma as well as not hearing her.

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HAPPILY timed to appear

while Anthony Minghella is

radio persona as a blank screen survives in David Shields's set, where books Cigarettes and

vase are all paper-white. However, look more carefully and these items are seen to belong to the stage territory where Gemma's friends complain about her. The space she inhabits, stretched out on cushions listening over and over again to the St Matthew

Passion, is bright with colour. Her smart, loquacious, north London friends provide possible clues to her behavTHEATRE

Chocolate Man in the Moon

iour: a Vietnamese orphan seen on an Italian holiday; a Tibetan monk immolating himself as a political protest: a hag lady at Waterloo. Minghella portrays her social contemporaries as casually unfeeling, although referprovide reminders that death crosses all boundaries. In nearly every scene of

Christopher G. Sandford's absorbing production, the characters speak against a background of other people's noise. Bach himself is treated as background by Charlie Burnell's Rob, until Gemma ups the volume on her CD player and thus turns Rob's whingeing into the infernal noise she has positioned herself against. Sandford's cast articulate

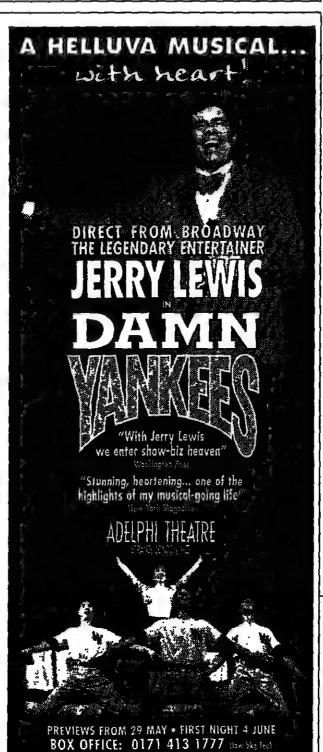
Minghella's variously distinc-

rive speeches with unusual clarity, and the glimpses into the lives of Gemma's set are intriguing enough to leave one always wanting to know how their anecdotes will end and what can happen next. Precise acting from Burnell. from Julie-Kate Olivier's Stockley's gushing mother-tobe, from Colin Peel's tolerated lover and from Jane Allighan's pre-Raphaelitefaced Gemma. From Jackie Sawiris, too, as an Argentinian psychiatrist now working as a cleaner, whose trembling lip when atrocities are mentioned would have been im-

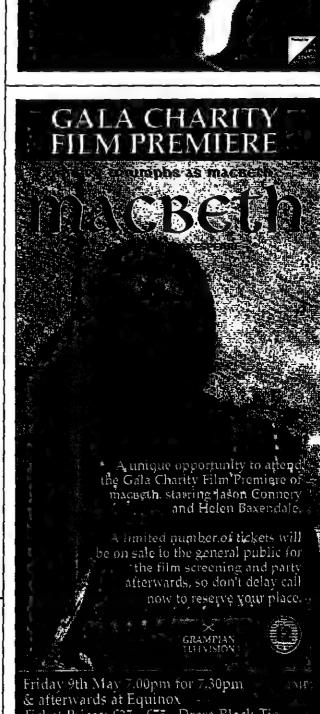
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Cicero's guide to the election

Peter Stothard on Paddy Ashdown's Golden Age

nce upon a time, long before people who electioneering advice were celebrated as spindoctors, a certain very famous politician was fighting his first election for the consulship of Rome. Marcus Tullius Cicero, orator, intellectual and a man with little experience in public office, was campaigning in 63 BC against some of the best known, richest, most rapacious (and altogether sleaziest, as we would say) members of the Roman establishment. Cicero, like Tony Blair, seems to have been bright enough to recognise that he needed some help - and in the first "Handbook of Electioneering" to

survive from the ancient world, he got it. I was reminded of this on Saturday when Paddy Ash-down, after a week of watching headless chickens and bite-sized manifesto chunks. launched a desperate attack on the evils of the modern electoral process, damning the dominance of spinners and the dependency of office-seekers. praising by contrast the virtues of the lonely Liberal Democrat hero on his battlebus. Before he tries to make this his travelling theme for the rest of the month, it would be worth his while to jour-ney back in time a couple of millennia.

The supreme piece of campaigning advice for Cicero in the consular elections of 63 BC was one that Peter Mandelson and his men have inculcated in Labour from the beginning: focus, focus. focus and focus once more. As the Handbook has it: "Every day as you go down to the Forum, repeat to yourself over and over again the words 'I am new . . . I seek the consulahip . . . I am new . . . I seek the consulship . . . ' Do not give up this 'morning med-

The next most important tip from the ancient electioneer is to believe your own publicity. If the candidate believes that he is new, different and virtuous, so will the electorate. To quote the Handbook again: "Although nature is strong, an assumed personality can overcome the natural self for at least a campaign of a few months."

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The third lesson is to recognise the vanity of your supporters and their desire to be part of a winning team. "Small-town and country folk think themselves our friends if we only know them by name. And that word 'friend', you should remember, has a wider application in an election than in the rest of life. Anyone who shows you some goodwill or calls upon you regularly is to be counted as a friend."

The fourth point is that support can often be bought very cheaply. "Very small promises", the writer insists. can induce men to think they have a sufficient cause to support us." The fifth line of advice is "to canvas continuously and to solicit the same people many times so that no one can say he has not been canvassed by you — and thoroughly and diligently can-

vassed too". The sixth is to gain publicity for your own brilliance and even greater publicity for "the crimes, lust and briberies of your competitors". He tells his client to remember how in a

opponents actually bought a young girlfriend in the open market and brazenly flaunted her as his own" If we take all of these precepts together, it is hard to think of a pamphlet that so accurately sets out the role of the modern campaign manager in the age of new Labour, Neil Hamilton, direct mail, Millbank Tower, Piers Merchant and the overwhelming requirement to stay "on

previous election one of your

Mr Ashdown may not, of course, have been sincere in his weekend lament for the days of politics without spindoctors. The Liberal Democrat leader, with his military record, airy rhetoric and selfconscious nostalgia, is arguably the most Roman of all the candidates in this election. His profile is certainly better suited to the back of a bronze coin than either John Major's or Mr Blairs. Perhaps he was just promoting a line that he thought might win him votes, a tactic that the Handbook writer would most surely have

Or perhaps he was simply being squeamish, content that advisers should advise but concerned that they were getting too much publicity. The self-described party of open government may prefer that that spin-doctors stay hidden in their surgeries. We are not. so far, seeing the like of Des Wilson in this Liberal Demo-

crat campaign.
Perhaps. And yet, I have a sense that Mr Ashdown really believes in his Golden Age, that he yearns with all sincerity for the days before the Mandelsons and Wilsons and Saatchis were invented. It is a refrain that we have heard repeatedly over the past two weeks: why can the advisers not clear off and let the candidates be themselves. It is a hopeless refrain. It is hopeless because the art of democracy has been a science for as long as democracy has existed.

TT That was the election may be asking. Well, Marcus Tullius Cicero, the new man facing the Roman establishment for the first time, won the consulship. Sergius Catilina, a thoroughly deserving target of the antisleaze campaign, was defeated. Did the victor follow the Handbook's advice down to the last letter? The great beauty of this particular spindoctor's art is that we do not fully know.

The exact status of this fascinating 5,000-word text remains a mystery. Some scholars attribute it to Cicero's elegant younger brother, Quintus, who could thus be described as the Robert Kennedy of his time. Others, citing its un-Ciceronian style and rather too joyful use of jargon.

have different explanations. The truth, like the true records of Smith Square or Millbank today, could of course have proved embarrassing. The Handbook of Electioneering carries no fingerprints. It seems entirely fitting to the tradition of campaign management that this pioneering work should be direct. useful, cynical, true - and also, even two thousand years later, one hundred per cent

The future of the world may depend on the Middle East talks beginning today in Washington

Today's Middle East talks in Washington may decide the future of the world. In 1972, the Americans were trying to promote peace between Israel and Egypt; Golda Meir, the Prime Minister of israel, remained too suspicious to make concessions to Anwar Sadat, the President of Egypt. That failure led to the 1973 war, which destabili-sed the oil supply of the world. Later on, the Camp David accord showed that President Sadat had been quite genuine in his proposal. The world economy took ten years to recover from the oil shocks.

At that time, President Mubarak was the Deputy President of Egypt: like Sadat he has proved the most reliable moderate of the Arab world, the rock on which American Middle Eastern policy has been based, and one of the cornerstones of the peace process itself. Last week he said: Since 1977, the peace process has not degenerated to such a low level. The situation is very dangerous, and I am worried about what will happen." If he is worried, we all need to be worried as well.

What is at stake? First of all, the survival of Israel. I find that my older Jewish and Israeli friends have become increasingly pessimistic about the future for Israel. Some of them have given their lives, and committed their children's and grandchildren's lives, to the Israeli ideal. They now doubt whether there will ever be true peace, and therefore doubt whether Israel can ultimately survive the unending pressure of the Arab millions. Some react to that by sadly and silently withdrawing their spiritual confidence in Netanyahu's Israel, others by believing that Israel must be ever tougher, a fortress in the desert. All feel the same distress.

It is not only the survival of Israel that is at stake. The Arab order has always looked precarious, but it has shown an amazing capacity for sur-

What has the new Jerusalem in store?

can remember an editorial discussion at the Financial Times - then still a small City paper produced in Cole-man Street — in the mid-1980s. King Hussein of Jordan had just survived one of the numerous attempts on his life. One of us - perhaps it was one of my own mistaken forecasts - said: "I doubt if he can last three months." The others nodded their solemn agreement. He is still there 40 years' later. Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria. Kuwait and the Gulf states, even the Palestinians themselves, have shown a similar resilience of apparently unstable regimes. Most of the regimes have actually lost wars and yet still survive.

Yet each setback in the peace process tends to radicalise the Arab world; it strengthens the extremist, terrorist and fundamentalist groups; it tends to discredit moderate governments: it alienates the young. One cannot assume, just because they have survived so many things in the past, that the moderate regimes would all survive a final breakdown in the peace process; certainly they might not be able to remain moderate. Yet the failure of the peace talks of 1972 led to the war of 1973 and to the oil shocks of the 1970s. With the growth of the Asian economies, including Japan and China, the world is in some ways more vulnerable to an oil shock than it was then.

Since the murder of Yitzak Rabin, who was a just and strong man, the peace process has been greatly weak-ened. The immediate issue, which the

Netanyahu, will be discussing with President Clinton, is a local and apparently even trivial one which has become the focus of the main power struggle. Opinion among both Israelis and Palestinians has been inflamed by the Har Homa building project. The Israelis see it as a normal development of the suburbs of Jerusalem, matched by other develop ments for Arab families. The Arabs see it as a provocative extension of Israeli housing on Arab land. Avig-

William Rees-Mogg

dor Kahlahani, the Israeli security minister, is probably nearest to the truth when he says that "the battle of Jerusalem has begun". The Har Homa question will not be decided on its contested merits as an urban development, but as the focal point for the battle of Jerusalem.

Mr Netanyahu and President Clinton have to decide how to handle this situation. Har Homa is itself a political problem. It would not be easy for Mr Netanyahu to stop the building plans; 52 per cent of Israelis, the equivalent of his majority at the last election, favour going ahead with the building against the protests; to face. Against an opponent as experienced in political manoeuvre as Mr Arafat, Mr Netanyahu can ill afford

to climb down.

The American position before the talks contains a number of elements. There was the reassurance to Israel of last Thursday's announced increase in military aid; there will be support for small concessions to the Palestinians, including further sites for Arab building. The United States will press Mr Netanyahu to reduce the scale of new Israeli settlements, but Washington probably does not expect him to cancel Har Homa, or even think that he could afford to do so. All of this will not be enough to prevent a continued deterioration of the situation on the ground, with more riots, more bombs, and more deaths on

O o far, Washington has wanted to continue the policy of gradu-alism in the peace talks, fearing that an attempt to tackle the big issues would lead to an irrevocable breakdown. Now opinion is changing. Different reports, presumably coming from different American sources, say that the United States is still in favour of the gradual approach, or, as from Bronwen Maddox in Washington, that "the United States has been pressing Israel to adopt a coalition 'government of national unity and to move soon to talks with Yassir Arafat about the future of Jerusalem." This

is the high-risk, high-gain strategy. This forward strategy seems al-ready to have persuaded Mr Netanyahu. He must be convinced that otherwise the situation can only continue to deteriorate. He is taking Washington his own proposal to move rapidly to the most difficult issues, including the future status of Jerusalem. Mr Arafat probably agrees that the talks should be accelerated, but he is essentially a bargainer. He will not expect to get everything he wants at once, but further talks, with Israel under pressure could give him a negotiatng advantage. He would expect to gain some concessions.

Binyamin Netanyahu's formal position - as Christopher Walker has reported it - is still one that no Palestinian leader could accept and expect to remain leader. He has committed himself to allowing "no retreat to the 1967 borders, no Palestinian state, no division of Jerusalem". He will not be able to secure any final peace settlement without the acceptance of a Palestinian state. Some revision of the the pre-1967 borders in favour of (srael is a perfectly legitimate objective, which might possibly be achieved in negotiation against the acceptance of a Palestinian state. Jerusalem, the city of faiths, is the core issue, as it has been since 1967, when a Times leader for which I was responsible inadvertently awarded the long-term suzereinty of Jerusalem to the Palestinians in the first edition and to the Israelis in subsequent editions. Jerusalem is an object of human idealism so intense that no one who possesses it will give it up without a battle, and anyone who has recently lost it will seek to regain it. Belfast is a similar insoluble problem city, as President Clinton has already found. But Jerusalem is a far greater historic prize, and hence a greater historic problem, than Belfast could

The convenience of silence

The box of sticky truths will fly

open in 25 days'

time, writes Peter Riddell

emember Helmut Kohl and Eddie George. They have not been popping up on our television screens recently. but what they said last week may have a bigger impact on us all after the election than most of the promises in the manifestoes and the safety-first exchanges of the politicians.

All elections exist in a cocoon, an inward looking world of images, claims and counter-claims, phoney initiatives and alleged gaffes. Perspective and proportion are soon lost. Outsiders, however distinguished, seldom break into this self-absorption, which suits the desire of the parties to define the election in their own terms. This has been taken to extremes by Labour's determination to remove any possible area of vulnerability, as yesterday over privatisation and the single currency. Politicians are happy to talk toughly in general to boost their leadership images, but they seldom refer to any specific sacrifice someone might have

Take the economy. Neither the Tories nor Labour are willing to admit what is predicted by virtually all economists (and, to be fair, the Liberal Democrats): that after the election taxes and interest rates will have to rise. Kenneth Clarke pretends that everything is fine, the economy is growing at an sustainable rate, and that the Tories' multi-billionpound manifesto promises on transferring tax allowances and the like can be afforded without other tax increases. No wonder the Treasury wanted to water down the manifesto commitments. Mr Clarke's dilemma is summed up the Tories' crass poster slogan, "Britain is booming". Not only has Mr Clarke tried to avoid

mines. Clark's adulterous past may

None of which has stopped the



talking about a "boom" - since that implies the risk of over-rapid growth - but if there is a boom, now is not the time to be promising further tax

Gordon Brown complains that the Tory figures do not add up, and yet he cannot admit the need for monetary and fiscal tightening, for fear of being accused of planning such measures. Instead, he merely talks about Labour's plans not requiring additional taxes, so he can appear shocked and horrified in a month's time if he becomes Chancellor when he sees "the books". Of course, he already knows perfectly well what the true position is. He has fostered false expectations by talking about cutting VAT on domestic fuel and aiming, as "a long-term objective", for a lop

starting rate of income tax. The Governor of the Bank of **明的形式或某种的变换。**

England shattered these illusions last Thursday when he warned that interest rates should rise to slow the rapid pace of expansion and to guard against inflation, Mr Clarke dismisses his well-known differences with Mr George as merely being about a quarter of one percentage point, but that trivialises and muddles the matter. If the economy is as strong as the Tories claim, interest rates should rise soon, although given the strength of sterling and market uncertainties there is probably an even stronger case for several billion pounds of tax increases and public spending cuts. Mr Clarke should be able to fend off Mr George until polling day, but the Chancellor and the Governor are due to meet on May 7, six days later. Do

not expect the politicians to prepare voters during the campaign for higher interest rates then, let alone for higher taxes later.

There is a similar air of makebelieve about the debate about Europe. John Major and Robin Cook seemed to be competing yesterday over who could add the more "verys" to "unlikely" in describing the chances of Britain entering a single currency in the next Parliament, But that will not be the most pressing European matter after May I. Nor is the most crucial consideration whether or not Britain signs the social chapter, important though that could be in the long-term for business costs and regulation.

The real question is what attitude a new government takes at the Arnsterdam summit of European leaders in June. The Tories argue that only they

will assert Britain's national interests and resist the tide of integration. while Labour talks as if everything will be all right because it will be able to build new partnerships in Europe. while opposing a "federal super-state". Much of this is wishful thinking. The difference is over the leaders' room for manoeuvre. Tony Biair would be able to agree some limited extensions of qualified majority voting and revision of the powers of the European Parliament. The Tories oppose such changes, but as some MEPs have been warning, the party's inflexible stance risks making negotiations impossible and making other countries even keener on a multi-tier Europe.

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oth main parties oppose many proposals likely to be put forward at Amsterdam for closer integration of foreign, defence, immigration and home affairs policies. There has, for example, been hardly any discussion in our election of the Franco-German plan for moving towards a European defence policy separate from Nato. But the reality behind these aspirations was underlined on Thursday when Chancellor Kohl concluded his annual slimming retreat in Austria with the announcement that he would seek re-election next year. Whether or not he succeeds then, the Chancelior's decision will give fresh political momentum to the drive for monetary union and closer integration. So Britain will face tricky choices which the Tories and Labour

are trying to dodge in the election. The Civil Service has, I am sure, a list of other pressing issues for the incoming government which are hardly being discussed in the election: the handover of Hong Kong to China; the Madrid summit on expansion of Nato (almost solely a matter for foreign policy specialists in Britain): the looming crisis in the prisons as numbers overflow; how to revive talks in Northern Ireland (despite the IRA's latest operations). These and other matters will have to be faced within two months of the election. For the moment, the politicians prefer the familiar evasions of campaigning. But the real world is just 25 days away.

Free vote

KENSINGTON is fizzing with speculation on the voting intentions of Diana, Princess of Wales. She is registered, along with the other 70 residents of Kensington Palace, to vote in the Campden ward of Kensington and Chelsea, a safe Tory seat which should fall into the sweaty clasp of that old satyr Alan Clark at the election. While she was married to the

Prince of Wales she was bound by convention not to exercise her right



Ward-mates, Diana and Tory candidate Alan Clark

not play too well either on the fitness machines. Tories pitching for her vote. "With

to face.

her interest in charities, the Prinof a free agent, and may be inclined cess will be aware that charitable giving is growing tremendously under this Government," says a to take her revenge on the Tories. She has her reasons. First, there was the Defence desperate spinner in Tory central Minister. Nicholas Soames, 2 office. The Lib Dems hope the friend of the Prince, who publicly Princess will be enticed by their questioned her mental state after plans for nursery schools, but her Panorama interview. Then Labour will not comment. None of the parties has so far formulated there was the junior defence minister Earl Howe, who as good as told plans for door-stopping the palace. her to keep her snout out of politics when she spoke out about land

Among those caught at Aintree over the weekened was Robin Cook, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman and racing tipster. Yesterday he returned to pick up his car, only to find his keys were in a sealed off area. Having missed a Dimbleby interview and torn up the rest of his schedule for the day, he wandered into the road telling a policeman he was off to do some sightseeing.

Last Waugh

PITY Auberon Waugh, once a peer-less establishment baiter, now gone soft and captaining the holed dinghy of The Literary Review maga-



a certain wealthy philanthropist. Waugh had been greatly looking forward to some grand hobrob-bing until he read the name on the card: "Evelyn Waugh":
For a man never fully reconciled to living in his father's shadow, this

was a stinging insult. He spent the rest of the day shuffling around muttering like a Russian poet broken by a stint down the salt mines.

Final frame

ONE of cinema's landmarks was demolished on Friday by Camden Council. William Friese Greene shot a series of images on celluloid of Rotten Row in Hyde Park in 1890. He then projected the moving zine. The other day, he received an pictures onto his wall at 136 Maida

Vale. So excited was he by his work, which marked the beginning of cinema, that he grabbed a policeman off the street to come in and look, a moment recorded in the film The Magic Box, which starred Robert Donat and Laurence Olivier. Not that this meant anything to Camden Council.

In Paris, the home of Lumière. the inventor of the cine-camera, is a national museum, but when Priese-Greene's home was knocked down, all the council building officer could say was "Who cares? It was a very grotty little building."

High flyer

IT used to be Sir Tim Bell or Rothschilds bank that helped aspiring Tories in need of work between elections. Now Michael Green, the elusive chairman of the media group Carlton, has joined the gang. With his current director of communications, David Cameron, expecting to keep the Stafford constituency Tory, Green has found one of the Prime Minister's

closest aides to replace him. George Bridges, ZI, is currently assistant political secretary to the PM, responsible for writing many of his speeches and newspaper articles. All wispy blond hair and tor-

toiseshell glasses, Bridges, from Eton and Oxford, is a high-energy customer, and his office is entertained by an endless succession of cut-glass female voices phoning to talk to him.

• A notable victory for Alan Stan-ford, who is directing Harold Pin-ter in Pinter's own play The Col-lection at the Gate Theatre, Dublin. He claims to have triumphed over Pinter in an argument over the text. As Pinter's publishers, Faber & Faber, can attest, the black poloneck is a textual stickler. Once, at his insistence, they had to insert a correction slip into thousands of copies of his plays because a full stop had been printed instead of a comma.

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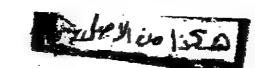
DESPTTE the panning handed out to his debut novel. Sap Rising, A.A.
"Don't call me Adrian" Gill can console himself that he still has one loyal fan in the shape of his girlfriend, Nicola Formby. On entering the Pan Bookshop in the Fulham Road last week, Miss Formby. a statuesque shopping journalist. was dismayed not to be able to find her man's novel.

"She asked very loudly and ag-



Nicola Formby: snorted

gressively where it was", says an onlooker, "She introduced herself as Nicola Formby and expected the hapless shop assistant to know who she was." Happily, a large pile of the books was pointed out to her on a display table, at which point she snorted and left





OUT OF THE RACE

Politicians must ignore IRA attempts to influence the election

The IRA disruption of Saturday's Grand National was a carefully conceived political coup designed to influence the general election and its aftermath in Sinn Fein's interests. It was the continuation of republican politics by odious means. IRA strategists choreographed the scare to secure headlines and make Northern Ireland's future an essential issue in this campaign.

Although the Prime Minister has argued that republicans are wholly wrong if they think that by threatening thousands of people they will win support, the IRA will be well satisfied with its work. The more that republicans make violence a problem, the better placed Sinn Fein believes it will be to pose as the solution.

Republicans are attempting to blackmail the Northern Ireland electorate and the next British government into voting for, and talking to, them as the only route to peace. The only appropriate response from voters and politicians should be an uncompromising rejection of a movement itself incapable of compromise. Republicans wish to make what they depict as the violent consequence of Northern's Ireland present constitutional position a central issue in this election. If they can restrict disruption to the British mainland, so much the better. Voters in tilster will be forcibly reminded of the continuance of the conflict without, republicans hope, being too directly affected. Blame for the violence is placed on the British Government for having shown "bad faith"

and allowing the peace process to collapse. This is historical nonsense and a dangerous myth, which constitutional politicians should not nurture with careless talk. The blame for the collapse of the peace process rests entirely with republicans and their decision to go back to war even though the offer of talks without prior decommissioning was on offer. It was foolish of John Prescott to imply earlier in the campaign that blame should attach to the Prime Minister for mismanaging the process. Mr Major, like the voters of Northern Irleand and the racegoers of Aintree, is the victim of republican cynicism.

Having chosen war, Sinn Fein now has the audacity to claim that a vote for it is a vote for peace. The republicans are trying to persuade Northern Ireland voters that strong support for Sinn Fein at the polls will make it more difficult for a future British government to deny the party a place at talks. Sinn Fein hopes that the voters will back it not necessarily out of enthusiasm but in the hope that a republican entry into talks will bring an end to violence.

Northern Ireland voters should resist the Provisionals' protection racket. Far from interpreting an increase in their vote as a yearning for peace, republicans will use it as evidence of support for their strategy. The tactical use of the armed struggle would have yielded one of its results, the cowing of Ulster's population.

The other intended result is the weakening of the British Government's resolve. Comments by Dr Marjorie Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary. concerning the desirability of a ceasefire and the prospect of Sinn Fein's entry into talks after two months, have been read by

republicans as a promising sign. The only effective way to respond to the IRA's strategy is to proceed without it. Rather than courting republicans, Dr Mowlam should be concentrating on how to bring together democratic parties, Unionists and nationalists, to give Ulster stability. There is no point in trying to negotiate with the republicans; their strategy is unchanged and unchanging. Unless republicans prove their commitment to peace by throwing down the weapons they flourished in Belfast last week, there is no merit in treating with them. The Grand National should go ahead today without republican intervention and so should the peace process.

POLICY AND THE WORLD

Labour wants to focus on rights, aid and the Commonwealth

Douglas Hurd's proudest boast was that since the Conservatives came to power, Britain has been "punching above its weight." Ever since the Falklands War, the party argues. Britain has had a military and political influence far beyond its wealth and geography. It has taken part in all the main United Nations peacekeeping operations. It is an active member of the UN Security Council, often formulating the resolutions that determine world affairs. It still exerts an enormous influence through a network of contacts in traditional areas of influence such as Africa and the Middle East, and through the world dominance of English and the two bodies spreading British culture in that medium, the British Council and the BBC. In short, if the feel-good factor is yet to assert itself at home and is clearly absent in Europe, in the world beyond our Continent

Britain is booming. Labour has no interest in quarrelling with such an assertion. Foreign policy is largely bipartisan, and Labour has supported the Government in the global issues that have preoccupied Britain, the wars in Bosnia and the Gulf, political and economic reform in Russia and Eastern Europe, enlargement of the European Union and Nato, Hong Kong, the Middle East and the environment. In large swaths of foreign affairs Labour policy needed no wrenching modernisation. Neither was there partisan advantage to be gained by harrying the Government. Foreign policy will therefore play only a small

part in the campaign. Nevertheless. Labour has now discovered areas where it thinks the Conservatives are vulnerable. Some are those where Labour has traditionally taken a high moral tone: soverseas aid and human rights. Under the

Tories, the proportion of GNP devoted to foreign aid has fallen from 0.51 to 0.29 per cent. And while the Conservatives have pioneered the successful Know-How Fund to help former communist countries adapt to market economies, help for the world's poorest has decreased. Giving taxpayers' money to foreigners is never popular, but Labour believes it can tap into the idealism of a young generation that has generously supported refugees and the world's starving. A Cabinet-level Minister for International Development would be a signal that not all Labour's soft-hearted policies have been cast aside.

On human rights, Robin Cook has already signalled a more aggressive approach. In most areas the cost is cheap: calling for oil sanctions against Nigeria or a trade and tourist boycott of the military junta in Burma carries a comparatively small price. The bigger test will be whether Labour would risk export sales by offending tribal Gulf rulers. It has denounced their crackdown on democrats and dissidents as vigorously as it has the Government's "craven" safeguarding of arms exports.

More effective is Labour's new-found championing of causes traditionally dear to Tory voters, the Commonwealth, the British Council and the diplomatic service itself, all of which have felt starved of funds and attention. Government disregard for the Commonwealth stemmed from Margaret Thatcher's contempt for its insistence on tougher sanctions against South Africa and the "liberationist" rhetoric of Third World members. But many Conservatives see the Commonwealth as a vibrant legacy of earlier days when Britain punched above its weight. In this field, as in domestic affairs, Labour wants to steal their clothes.

FULL CYCLE

Times and costs have changed for environmentalists

Fashionable ideas have a life of their own which can make them impervious to reason. Well-meaning consumers glow with pride as they toss a bottle into the recycling skip, having carried it there in the back of the car. They dutifully collect heaps of old newspapers, believing that they are helping to save the Amazon rainforest. The creed is simple: dumping rubbish in the ground is bad: burning it is worse; the only virtuous option is to recycle it.

Economics makes nonsense of most of these claims. The money saved by recycling a kilo of glass will drive a car only a mile and a quarter. Glass is made from sand, a raw material that is plentiful and cheap. Scrap glass saves at most a third of the energy needed to make glass. Set against that the extra energy costs of transporting the waste glass, and the whole scheme begins to show its limitations. In effect, one raw material is being saved at the cost of another, in a process that leaves everyone the poorer.

As for paper, it comes from a raw material that is the world's best candidate for longterm sustainability, wood. Trees are a Frenewable resource, and those that are used for making paper come almost entirely from managed forests in the North. Only one per cent of the world's paper is harvested from the rainforests, which are being cleared for agriculture, not to satisfy the developed world's appetite for newsprint. Paper can be recycled economically, but government tar-

gets such as those set by Germany disrupt the system, creating a surplus of waste paper that has to be dumped on other countries, depressing prices.

Insisting that paper suppliers meet a fixed recycling target generates yet further difficulties, by forcing countries without enough waste paper of their own to import it so that they can export it again as finished paper. Even the most besotted environmentalist cannot believe that sending shiploads of waste paper from Germany to Scandinavia makes economic sense.

In the US, reality may be breaking through. Marion Barry, the Mayor of Washington, has decided to suspend the city's elaborate recycling scheme on the grounds that it is a luxury the nation's capital can no longer afford. The division of household waste into plastics, aluminium, glass and paper pushes up collection costs to a massive \$200 a ton, while simple collection

would cost a mere \$25 a ton. The problem is that the value of household waste is low, no greater in money terms that it was in 1950. Then labour was cheap, and raw materials expensive, so that the value of the waste would have justified efforts to separate and recycle it. Since then the cost of raw materials has fallen, while the cost of labour has risen, tilting the balance against recycling. But persuading green ideologists of this uncomfortable fact may not be easy. as Mr Barry is about to discover.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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House of Lords: reform v abolition

From Mr John Birchmore

Sir. The democratic form of second chamber is one elected by universal suffrage (letters, March 25 and 31). Any other proposal implies a lack of faith in the electorate or a suggestion that democracy dues not work.

I for one have had enough of the elitism of the current system; I support having an elected second chamber forthwith and will accept any

Yours sincerely, JOHN BIRCHMORE. 24 Lyne Park, West Linton, Peebles-shire. April 5.

From Mr Marcus Elliott

Sir. Your correspondence concerning the reform of the House of Lords appears to omit the ultimate reform -

A second chamber is required and it must be within the grasp of a modern industrialised country to devise some form of election to such a body (the Americans managed it over 200 years

Most observers agree that the House of Lords does its job well, but that does not alter the fact that it is

MARCUS ELLIOTT. Pen Dinas, Great Orme, Llandudno, Conwy.

From Mr Patrick Forde

Yours.

Sir. Does the House of Lords inflict harm or annoyance on anyone other than the Government of the day, from time to time?

If not, why change it?

PATRICK FORDE, Seaforde Estate Office, Seaforde, Co Down. March 25.

Labour and unions

From Mr Robbie Gilbert

Sir, Much of our employment law, particularly an employee representation, now derives from Europe which is why Labour's proposals for statutory recognition of trade unions (Tony Blair's article, March 31) look so strange and worrying to many busi-

Works councils with rights of information and consultation are the usual arrangement for workplace represenration on the Continent, and the European Commission has well advanced plans to extend them to every undertaking with more than ten employees. Employers have their doubts about the desirability of these committees. but as Mr Blair would sign the Social Chapter, the likelihood is that all but the smallest British companies will, in due course, be required to introduce something along these lines here too.

Why, then, do we need recognition laws such as those in force in the United States? By importing them to a UK bound by European law, we could end up with more onerous and restrictive obligations on British firms than those applying elsewhere in Europe, and British firms alone could find themselves obliged to run a parallel system of local negotiations. These cover much the same ground, and impose an additional and much more demanding obligation to reach agreements with trade union officials on these and other matters.

The risks are clear: conflicting accounts of employee views, too much management time being taken up on industrial relations, damaging delays in decision-making, and/or loss of flexibility which will damage exports and jobs.

Yours faithfully ROBBIE GILBERT Director for Social and Employment Policy), European Public Policy Advisers, 12-14 Denman Street, WI.

Power of office From Mr F. G. R. Fisher

ral election was called

Sir, In October 1959, in my first term as headmaster of Bryanston, a gene-

I suggested to the boys that we should hold a mock general election in the school. The proposal was greeted with a degree of apathy. In order to stimulate interest I floated the idea that, in addition to the three main parties, there should be candidates repre-

senting other interests -- for example,

Cornish nationalism. A few days before the election debate a worried head boy arrived in my study. "Headmaster," he said, "I think you should cancel the election. There has been a pitched battle in the main hall between the Realists and the Idealists." Cancel a general election? Now, there was a thought.

In the event, the election took place. But I had glimpsed power. Yours faithfully.

ROBSON FISHER. Craig Cottage, Lower Street. Dittisham, Darmouth, Devon.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be laxed to 0171-782-5046.

Action demanded for Scots guards

From Major-General Murray Naylor and Lieutenant-General Sir David

Sir. We are writing to you in what remains of the life of this Government to publicise the situation of two Scots Guardsmen who have now been in custody in Northern Ireland for four and a half years.

The facts are briefly as follows. When on operational patrol in Belfast on September 4, 1992, guardsmen James Fisher and Mark Wright were involved in an incident as a result of which a man was shot dead. The circuristances were fully investigated, they were subsequently charged with murder, tried before a judge-only Dip-lock Court, found guilty and sentenced to a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment. Subsequent appeals

have been dismissed or refused. Last December a High Court judge, Mr Justice Girvan, ordered the Northern Ireland Office to review the two soldiers' cases, in the process quashing the NIO's decision not to do so before the end of 1998. As far as we can ascertain this internal review has not progressed very far and, despite pressure from MPs, members of the House of Lords, the media and from many people of different backgrounds there appears little urgency within the NIO to expedite matters. Meanwhile, the two guardsmen

and viewpoints across the country,

languish in Maghaberry prison devoid of hope, doubtless contemplating how the course their lives are taking is being determined by the political exnediency which seems always to rule in Northern Ireland.

While the two guardsmen made a tragic error of judgment, both acted in good faith, in pursuit of an operational policy laid down by the Government which sent them to Ulster. They were caught up in the maelstrom of bigotry and resentment which so often dictates what happens there. To be condemned to an interminable period for carrying out orders seems to be grossly unfair.

We believe it behaves the outgoing Government and the present Secretary of State to review these cases as a matter of urgency. Indeed we consider that they have a clear duty to do so.

Yours sincerely, MURRAY NAYLOR DAVID SCOTT-BARRETT, Headquarters, Scots Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, SW1.

Modern morality

From the Earl of Longford

Sir. When the subject of homosexuality, and in particular "gay" Christianity, comes up (letters, March 29) 1 inevitably parade my ancient medals.

About 40 years ago I was the first public man who dared initiate a debate in Parliament in favour of the Wolfenden report which recommended that sex between consenting male adults in private should no longer be a criminal offence. A little earlier I had founded, with the help of others, The New Bridge for all ex-prisoners. I still treasure Lord Boothby's description of me as "the non-playing captain of the homosexual team'

No Christian will blame those who love men more than women though they may feel sorry for them. But never at any time did I suggest that sex between men is morally permiss-

Two of the Evangelists, Luke and Mark, describe Christ as placing adultery at the top of the list of sins. How could any "gay" Christian ser-iously suggest that sex between men is morally superior to that between a man and a woman outside marriage? The Archbishop of Canterbury has reminded us that in Christian eyes sex outside marriage should be regarded as shameful (report, March 25).

St Augustine said it clearly for all time -- we must condenin the sin and love the sinner. Bearing in mind that we are all sinners in our various ways we do well to follow St Augustine's guidance.

Sir, The tragic separation of the Laylle

children from their mother and now

living with their German father (Body

and mind, April 1) is not unusual. It

happens to British men who are simi-

larly excluded by the rulings of courts,

the prejudices of society, or unilateral

children back to his own country to

care for them. If a woman had behav-

ed similarly I suspect it would be con-

sidered no more than a mother fulfill-

supported by the courts, is that moth-

ers have a greater right to be with,

care for and enjoy their children than

do fathers. This implied right is trans-

lated into actuality if the children have

lived with one parent immediately af-

ter a break-up so as to prevent further

distress. It is no more the mother's

right to keep the children than it is the

father's. The British have a Victorian

The presumption of UK society.

In the Laylle case a man took his

Yours sincerely, FRANK LONGFORD. House of Lords. March 31.

action by the mother.

ing her duty of care.

mindset to the contrary.

Yours etc. RICHARD FREEMAN.

Saffron Walden, Essex.

101 Castle Street.

Custody of children The cult phenomenon From Dr Richard Freeman

From Mr Ian Haworth

Sir, Contrary to the assertion by Dr Peter Haywood of the Maudsley Hospital and the Institute of Psychiatry just post-adolescent outsiders" (Medical briefing, March 28), the opposite is the case. People of all, ages are recruited. The 39 who died in California (report, same day) were between the ages of 20 and 72, with most in their 40s.

Dr Tonmoy Sharma, a psychiatrist at the Maudsley, also suggested that in some cases those attracted to cults are less well balanced than normal. This is another promotion of a stereotype. Experts in the US who for 20 years have researched the cult phenomenon suggest that most victims are normal and healthy prior to in-

The most vulnerable are intelligent, well educated and economically advantaged. They are professional peo-ple and high achievers.

Yours sincerely IAN HAWORTH (General Secretary), Cult Information Centre, BCM Cults, London WCIN 30X.

In every pie

From the Chief Executive of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

Sir. We wholeheartedly echo the point made by Sir Anthony Alment regarding the unhygienic practices of TV cooks (letter, April 2). Cookery programmes are watched by millions of people, many of whom are responsi-ble for preparing food for young fami-lies. These would seem an ideal medium through which to get across basic food hygiene messages, with a view to helping reduce the ever increasing number of food poisoning cases.

Instead we are subjected to TV

cooks wearing rings the size of astrich eggs, tasting food with their fingers and using raw eggs in food without giving the necessary warnings about the possible health risks.

We appreciate that cookery programmes must entertain, but it is a vasted opportunity not to use them at the same time to educate and inform the public.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL COOKE. Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. Chadwick Court. 15 Hatfields, SEI, April 2

PRO museum

From Mr Paul Luscombe

Sir, The Public Record Office's bid for lottery funding to establish a museum at Kew (report, March 17) should be debated rather than left for officials and their consultants to decide. The idea of such a museum is not, of

course, new. I have beside me the catalogue of museum exhibits published by the PRO in 1948 which also describes the grounds used to justify the opening of the museum at Chancery Lane in 1902. Interestingly, the reasoning of the then deputy keeper, Sir Henry Maxwell Lyte, was much the same as that of the present keeper: to attract more people to the PRO.

At least two things have changed since 1902. One is the technology for transmitting information. The other is that the records are immeasurably less accessible now, not only because the PRO has moved to Kew, but also because far more of its "real" users (or its potential clients) are located outside the home counties. There are strong arguments for using the technology to decentralise the PRO and

for persuading its mandarins that most serious research takes place outside London.

Experiments with the Internet are welcome (particularly if the objectives are better focused than achieving a few thousand visitors to the web site). but there are other ways of making the resources of the PRO genuinely available to libraries, schools, colleges and universities. Investment in an easily accessible micro-form copying service and developing a range of inexpensive learning materials on CD-Rom are two possibilities. If asked, the various sectors of the education world could probably suggest other ideas.

Have the capital and running costs of a new museum been properly tested against other proposals, or are the vested interests in the current proposal no entrenched to take a broader view? And has the thinking in the PRO about the rest of the country changed since 1902?

Yours sincerely, PAUL LUSCOMBE. 8 Newbold Close, Bentley Heath. Solihull, West Midlands.

Are we learning to beat IRA's tactics?

From Mr Kenneth Hoole

Sir. At the start of the Second World War a solitary Heinkel, it was said, could bring much of the country almost to a stop. The sirens would go and the shelters would fill. We eventually realised that this was not the way to win the war and sirens began to sound only locally and as required.

Now, much smaller bombs, and sometimes no bombs at all, close large parts of London, Aintree, much of the Midlands and beyond.

What is the answer this time? We must find one soon. At present the IRA is winning on points.

Yours faithfully, KENNETH HOOLE, 105 Wood Vale, SE23. April 6.

Soaking up science

From Dr D. W. O'Hara

Sir, Nigel Hawkes ("Jogging scientists solve problem of snaying drier", March 21; letters, April I and 4) quotes a formula that describes how wet a moving meteorologist gets in the rain. I must point out that this formula, in which the top surface area (T) is independent of the velocity (v), is strictly applicable only to legless meteorolo-

A running person's legs alternately project in front of and behind his torso, and his mean top surface area depends on the extent of this projection. I measured a sociologist (no meteorologist being to hand at the time), and found that the mean horizontal component of the surface area of the legs while jogging would be roughly equal to the surface area of the shoulders. For a sprinting sociologist, the effect would be even more pronounced.

I am left reflecting on the means of propulsion employed by the meteorologists to whom the formula applies. It would certainly provide a fair approximation to a fat meteorologist with skinny legs, or alternatively, to a scuttling meteorologist in a raincoat. Since neither would be likely to achieve the speeds cited in the report, I can only conclude that it is intended to describe a meteorologist on a skate-

board. is it possible that the legless nature of these meteorologists explains why they keep getting caught out in the

Yours faithfully, D. W. O'HARA, 9 Blenheim Drive, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.

School style

From Mr J. P. Toomey

Sir, The dress of teachers has perhaps always been a matter for critical gaze (report, "Broke teachers are labelled scruffs by smart pupils", March 27). When I started teaching Classics in the early 1950s, the "designer clothing" of the day was sports jacket and flannels, a dress frowned upon by some of the older masters with their dark but visibly chalky suits.

But gowns covered any sartorial sins, and allowed for idiosyncrasy, I remember that the senior maths master's gown had belonged to his grandfather, and was not only in rags but green with age; and I confess that mine, having been gradually shredded by door handles and other obstacles, had its tattered sleeves tied up in knots and was held together elsewhere by safety pins.

Like teachers' dress today, it must have excited some critical comments from pupils, but in those days, of course, they kept such comments to themselves.

Yours faithfully, J. P. TOOMEÝ, 3 St Bartholomew's Road. Arelev Kings. Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire. March 27.

Seeing it through

From Mrs J. Mansfield

Sir, I am dismayed that for many years I have been using my tartan shopping trolley, not realising that it is the "sine qua non of frumpery" ("Trolley dollies", Style, April 2). But then I have been labouring under the misapprehension that the purpose of a shopping trolley is to make light work of transporting one's shopping.

I now realise that it is really a means of displaying one's (expensive) purchases in order to impress others.

Yours faithfully. JANET MANSFIELD. 12 Oxhill Road, Middle Tysoe, Warwickshire. April 2

Seeing stars

From Mr Keith Kellett

Sir, I read with interest yesterday your report that British Forces television is to scramble its broadcasts in Cyprus to prevent non-Service viewers picking up its programmes, including those featuring Cilla Black, Jim Davidson and Mr Blobby.

Might I ask if there are any plans to introduce such a scrambling service in this country and, if so, how I join?

Yours faithfully. KEITH KELLETT, 5 Burwood Close, Amesbury, Salisbury Wiltshire.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 5: The Duke of York this afternoon attended ceremonies marking the amalgamation of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve Royal Air Force Cranwell.

incoinsture. His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire (Mrs Bridget Cracroft-Eley).

April 5: The Princess Royal. accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence, RN, today attended the 150th Anniversary of the Grand National at Aintree Racecourse, Aintree, Liverpool, and was re-

ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside (Mr KENSINGTON PALACE

April 6: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon visited Tewkesbury Abbey and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucester-shire (Mr Henry Elwes).

Her Royal Highness attended a Service of Thanksgiving for the Restoration of the Abbey and the Dedication of the Milton Organ. The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon subsequently opened the new Visitor Centre at the Abbey.

Royal engagements The Duke of Edinburgh will open the enhanced facilities at the Windsor Leisure Centre, Windsor,

The Prince of Wales will tour and open the new Gordon Highlanders Museum. Viewfield Road. Aberdeen, at 10.15; will visit, as President. The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust. 27 Albyn Place, at 11.55 to review the work of the Grampian region: will attend a civic reception at the Beach Ballroon, Aberdeen, at 1.00 to mark the official opening of the Gordon Highlanders Museum; will tour and open The Prince Charles Cadet Training Centre, The Prince Charles Barracks, at 2.20pm; and will visit, as Patron, The Abbeyfield Society, the Abbeyfield House, Torphins. Aberdeenshire, at 3.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the Heritage of London Trust, will visit Thorpe Coombe House, Forest Road, Walthamstow, at 10.00; will visit the Clock Tower, Caledonian Market at 11.00; will visit St Luke's Churchyard, Old Street, Islington, at 11.55; and will attend a luncheon at Sir John Soane's Museum, Lincoln's Inn Fields, at 12.40.

Chetham's School of Music

Term starts today at Chetham's School of Music. Lower School Speech Day will be held in School during the afternoon of July 2, and that evening Lower School pupils will give a concert at the Royal Northern College of Music. Term ends with the Senior School Speech Day, which will be held during the afternoon of July 3, and that evening Chetham's Symphony Orchestra and Chorus conducted by Jac van Steen will be the steen perform in the Halle Proms Series, both events in the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester.

Royal Air Force

The Chief of the Air Staff was represented by Air Vice-Marshal C.R. Spink, who read a lesson, at the annual service of thanksgiving Danes. Strand, to mark the formstion of the Royal Air Force.

The Rev Peter Bishop officiated and gave an address. Air Marshal Sir John Kemball also read a

Birthdays today

Mr Dennis Amiss, cricketer, 54; Viscount Brentford, 64; Miss Fredda Brilliant, sculptor, 89; Mr Jean Colonna, fashlon designer, 42; Mr Francis Ford Coppola, film director, 58; Mr Gerry Cottle, circus proprietor, 52: Sir Geoffrey Cox. former Editor and Chief Executive, ITN, 87; Mr Luca Cumani, racehorse trainer, 48; Professor Sir Graeme Davies, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow University, 60; Professor D.R. Denman, land economist, 86; Mr Peter Fluck, satirist and pup-peteer, 56; Sir David Frost, broadpeteer, 56; Sir David Frost, broad-caster, 58; Mr F.L. Garner, former chairman, Pearl Assurance, 77; Mr James Garner, actor, 69: Sir Ter-ence Harrison, former chief executive, Rolls Royce, 64: Mr Geoffrey Heywood, former president. In-stitute of Actuaries. 81: Vice-Ad-Barbarian Football Club, 61: Mr London to Aldermaston in a banmiral Sir Arthur Hezlet, 83; Mr Mark Wolfson, MP, 63;

D.N. Ireland, Headmaster, Loughborough Grammar School, 61; Mr Gorden Kaye, actor, 56; Mr Martyn Lewis, broadcaster, 52; His Honour John MacManus, 77; Mr Cliff Morgan, former head of outside broadcasting, BBC Television, 67; Mr Arthur K. Potter, Indian civil servant, 92; Mrs Jane Priestman, former director. Priestman, former director, architecture and design, British Rail, 67; Mr Ian Richardson, actor, 63; Mr Andrew Sachs, actor, 67; Pandit Ravi Shankar, situr player, 77; Group Captain Mary Shaw, former director and matron-inchief, PMRAFNS, 64; Miss Alison Shrubsole, former Principal Homerton College, 72: Mr David J. Williams, Chief Constable, Surrey, 56: Mr Geoffrey Windsor-

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.E.Sft. Malet and Miss R.L. Canc

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Sir Harry Malet, Bt, and Lady Malet, of Western Australia, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Cane, of Kirby Bedon.

Mr S.C. Maadle and Miss A.E. Kairis

The engagement is announced between Steven, younger son of Mr and Mrs George D. Mandis, of Chicago, USA, and Alexandra, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicolus G. Kairis, of Lausanne. Mr B.D. Peutherer

and Mira M. Garret The engagement is announced between Brian David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Peutherer, of Huddersfield, and Marion, elder Garrett, of Berkhamsted,

Mr W.T. Smedley

The engagement is announced between Bill, only son of Mr and Mrs Derek Smedley, of Lilley, Hertfordshire, and Janey, young daughter of Colonel and Mrs Andrew Whitehorn, of Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire,

Marriage

Mr T.T. Tait and Miss C.A. Luffman The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, April 5, in Richmond, between Thomas Tait and Carole Luffman.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: St Francis Xavier, Jesuit missionary, Navarre, Spain, 1506; John Elwes, miser, Westminster, 1714; Charles Burney, musicolo-gist, Shrewsbury, 1726; William Wordsworth, Poet Laureate 1843-50, Cockermouth, Cumbria, 1770; François Marie Charles Fourier, socialist writer, Besançon, France, 1772; Randall Thomas Davidson, Baron Davidson of Lambeth, Archbishop of Canterbury 1903-28, Edinburgh, 1848; Bronislaw Malinowski, anthropologist, Kra-kow, Poland, 1884; Gabriela Mistrai, poet. Nobel laureate 1945, Vicuna, Chile, 1899; Sir David Low, political cartoonist, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1891; Billie Holiday, jazz singer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1915. DEATHS: Sir William D'Avenant. Poet Laureate 1638-68, London. 1668: St Jean Baptiste de La Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers, Rouen, 1719; Dick Turpin, highwayman, executed, York, 1739; Phineas Barnum, showman, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1891; Henry Ford, car manufacturer, Dearborn, Michigan, 1947; Theda Bara, silent film star, Los Angeles, 1955; Jim Clark, world champion

ation, was established in Geneva Dag Hammarskjöld, a Swedish civil servant, was elected UN Secretary-General, 1953. CND supporters marched from

the-bomb protest, 1958.

racing driver, killed in an accident

Hockenheim, Germany, 1968.

Mount Vesuvius erupted, 1906.

WHO, the World Health Organis-



Princess Margaret at Tewkesbury Abbey yesterday where she attended a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the abbey and dedication of the organ

Nature notes

THE latest wave of summer vis itors to arrive in Britain are the blackcaps, who have wintered around the Mediterranean. They deliver a rich, rapid song as they flit restlessly through the young leaves looking for insects. The male's caps are black, the female's

Garganey are arriving in small numbers from tropical Africa. They are a small, fast-flying duck, and the drakes have a conspicuous nest in the long grass by lonely pools. In the fields, corn buntings but will do little to help them.

The blackthorn hedges are in white stripe over the eye. They will are singing their jangling song on

The blackcap

the tops of tall hedges. Most of the

full flower, and look like snowy white barricades round the fields. Cherry-plum is also often found in edges: it looks very like black thorn but its twigs are not so

spikey.

Here and there, English eims have survived Dutch Elm disease, and these now have clusters of papery seeds on the twigs. Wych elms, which were less affected, have striking clusters of large, creamy-green seeds. Wood anemones are opening on the woodland

Royal Air Force College Cranwell

Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wranen, Air Officer Commanding in Chief Headquarters Strike Command, was the Reviewing Officer at the Graduation of 78 officers of No 164 Initial Officer Training Course and 11 officers of No 262 Specialist Entrant and Reentrant Course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on

April 3. Graduating student officers and officer cadets:

General Duties Branch - Pilot Flying Officers G Duff BEng. B W Farquhar BEng, DJ Fulton BA, G T Harvey BSc, C R Lynham BA, R K J McPhee AMIMechE, N J Ormshaw BSc, R J Tomaia

Pilot Officers J R Barley BEng, L C Caple BSc, D R Ellacott BSc, J A Freeborough BEng, D J Grindal BEng, M R Lea BA MEng, G C Melville BEng, C J Morton BSc, M B Payne BSc, S J Staudinger BEng, D C Wilson LLB, A J Wright BSc General Duties Branch -

Navigator Pilot Officers J S Belford BSc, G E Bundock BA, G T Davies BEng, M A Galbraith BSc. Acting Pilot Officer T J Warren.

General Duties Branch - Air Electronics Officer Flying Officers T G Croydon, M Meleady.

Operations Support Branch Flying Officers P Dendy, G K

General Duties (Ground) Branch Air Traffic Control Flying Officers \$ J Underwood, G Wadeson BSc. Pilot Officer B C B Thorpe BEng: Acting Pilot Officer M P Greene

General Duties (Ground) Branch Fighter Control Pilot Officers G S Jenkins BSc PGCE, R M Sowter BEng.

General Duties (Ground) Branch - Intelligence Pilot Officers R T D Hollin BSc MA, A J Siddali BA, Engineer Branch

Flight Lieutenants A D Gadney BEng, N H Kirk BEng. Flying Officers S Chapman, G G College, P H Collis, B J Dunn, C N Hignon, A K Potter, C I Rodley MEng, T J Shrewsbury, T R A Strachan, G T Styles, D J Townsend; Pilot Officers R D Anderson BEng, B D Hake, J E Harle BEng, L A Newcombe BEng

Supply Branch Flying Officers DJ Brabner Beng.
K Coughlin Beng. M J Place, J A
Symons BSc; Pilot Officers P J
Clarke BSc, S J E Gregory BSc, A
WJ Grist BSc, S L Kingston BA, P D Smith BA; Acting Pilot Officer R Manhews.

Administrative Branch -Secremental

Pilot Officer J A Hone Administrative Branch - Training Flight Lieutenants J C Gunther BSc PGCE. D E South BA PGCE. Security Branch - RAF Regiment Flying Officers R J Lane, J H Liston BSc. P G J McCarthy; Pilot Officers L M Ives BA. P R Iveson

Ghana Air Force Supply Branch Flying Officer F Odoi-Wellington

Jamaican Defence Force Pilot Branch Second Lieutenants M A Beek, B

Creary, J P Mullings. Graduating officers of the Special-ist Entrant and Re-entrant Course

Legal Branch Flight Lieurenants A Mardell LLB. N J Moore LLB. Medical Branch

Flight Lieutenants A Burt MB BS BSc, M T Davies BSc MB ChB, J A Huntbach BSc MA MB BChir, J B Stammers MA BM.

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force **Nursing Service** Flight Lieutenant T M Hopper RGN; Flying Officers Y Bathgate RGN, PJ Stratford-Fanning RGN, I S Swain RGN.

Administrative Branch - Physical Education Flight Lieutenant AJ Treweek BSs MSc PGCE.

Prizewinners of No 164 Initial Officer Training Course The Sword of Merit, awarded to the RAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training, has demonstrated outstanding ability, leadership and other officer qualities and potential for further development: Student Officer C R

Lynham BA. The Hennessy Trophy and Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize, awarded to the RAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training has proved to be the best all-round cadet, other than the winner of the Sword of Merit: Student Officer R

T D Hollin BSc MA. The British Aircraft Corporation Trophy, awarded to the RAF or Foreign and Commonwealth cadet

who has attained the highest marks for professional studies on the course: Student Officer R McPhee BEng. Overseas Student Prize, awarded to the Foreign and Commonwealth cadet who has produced the best overall performance in leadership.

officer qualities and professional studies on the course: Officer Cadet F Odoi-Wellington BA. The Group Captain Williams Memorial Trophy, awarded to the RAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training, has shown the greatest improvement: !
ficer S L Kingston BA.

The Sarah Moland Memorial Prize, awarded to the RAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training, has demonstrated outstanding qualities of courage and fortitude: Officer Cadet G J McCarthy. The Longcroft Trophy, awarded to

the cadet who has contributed most to sport during his/her IOT Course: Student Officer L A Newcombs BEng.

Prizewinner of No 262 Specialist Entrant and Re-Entrant Course The Daedalus Trophy, awarded to the student who, during training on the Special Entrant and Re Entrant Course, has proved to be BTh, R G Jones BAcc, E A M the best all-round cadet: Student Officer M T Davies BSc MB ChB.

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Moses answered: 'Do not be afraid. God has come only to less you, so that the fear of him stay remain with you and preserve you from sin-ning'. Exodus 20: 20.

CORNER - On March 11th 1997 at Chelses and Westminster Hospital, to Michele (née du Toit) and Andrew, a daughter, Elizabeth Alice. iciNTOSH- on April 5th 1997 to Pauline (Née Benttle) and Graemu, a daughter Abigail

IOLESWORTH-ST.AUSYN - On March 27th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Carolyn (née Toxier) and William, a son, Archis.

MONTAGUE - On 24th March 1997, to Emily (née Satchelor) and Bobert, a son, Alexander Simon, a brother for Natasha.

for Natasha.

RANDALL-On Fridsy 4th April 1997 to Earen (née Pollock) and Peter, a daughter, Rebecca Bente Annie, a sister for Sarah and Nicola.

SIMPSON - On 28th March 1997, to Jane (née Cowan) and Richard, a daughter, Emily Charlotte.

WHLIS - On April 3rd 1997, to Celia (née Ridley) and Nick, a son, Jack Michael.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BAINBRIDGE:THORNLEY
Harold P.T. Bainbridge and
Shirisy Nance, the daughter
of H.G. Thornley MBE. Happy
Golden Anniversary with
love from The Pamily.

OBBS: JEFVES - On April 7th 1947 at St George's Church, Stamford, Roland to Dorothy. Now at Ripe, BNS 6AX.

DEATHS

SHITTEN - On April 3rd 1997 in hospital following a in hospital following a stroke and after 3M years vailant striving against disability. Res Britten CMG. aged 76. Greatly missed by wife Joanna and loving family Nicky, Hibry, Clive and Anale, sister Pat and grandson Louis. His was a long diplomatic career focusing on India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Janales and Norway, Punisel at Randalle Park Crematorium Leatherhead, Priday April 11th at 17 am. Family Rowers 117 am. Family Rowers 117 am. Family Rowers 117 am. constitutions only but donations

CLARKE - Stanley George of Seething, Norfolk, passed away 2nd April after a long Ilness counsgeously fought, aged 60. Former Director of Trimoco. Adored husband of Melica, much loved father of Julie and Sarah, Poneral at St. Margaret's, Seething, Wednesday 9th April at 12 weenescay vin April at It noon. Family flowers unly. Donations if desired to Hedgicias Disease and Lymphona Association of Gordon Barber Funeral Directors, 2 St Williams Way, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich wer Asset

London 1111 722.

PROST - Phyllis Enn, wife of the late Bernard Frost, passed away peacefully on 3rd April 1997 in her 91st year. Much loved Mother of Michael, Sheila, and Malcohn Funsati Survice to take place at Thazet Crematorium on Tuesday 8th April at 2 pm. No flowers by request, but domations in

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From The Brothers on
And April, Rosemarie Helen
(Asia Luan-Tooth) aged 80
(Nean. Dearly loved wife of
the late Major R.W. Jepson
Turner and mother to
Anthony and Louise.
Cremation Service in the
large chapel Inverness
Crematorium on Thursday
10th April at 11am, Family
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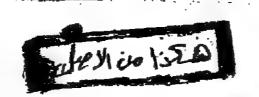
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OBITUARIES

Allen Ginsberg, poet, died on April 5 aged 70. He was born on June 3.

hether as a prophetic bard or a pretentious beatnik, Allen Ginsberg has survived for four decades as an icon of American counterculture. He was one of the last survivors of the Beats, a cool cabal of mid-Fifties writers who, centring on Jack Kerouac, sought to rebel against staid, middle-class convention.

Hold back the edges of your gowns, Ladies, we are going though hell," wrote William Carlos Williams in his introduction to Ginsberg's 1956 poem Howl. A court case ensued in which the publisher was, unsuccessfully, prosecuted for ob-scenity. Howl at once became one of the most widely circulated books of the time; a bible for a beatnik youth. Its opening lines remain one of the most notorious passages in postwar American poetry. "I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by / madness, starving hysterical naked, / Dragging themselves through the negro streets at dawn / looking for an active fix". It was never quite clear what exactly the

Beats stood for. Jack Kerouac had coined the name, playing with its punning overtones of "beaten down" and "beatified". But broadly speaking, its key writers — Kerouac and Ginsberg, William Burroughs and Gregory Corso aimed to cast aside the proprieties of English prosody and to play with the rhythms and improvisations of American jazz instead. Their work had a dramatic immediacy.

To his admirers Ginsberg was seen to have liberated American poetry, in the same way as John Osborne revitalised English theatre with Look Back in Anger. He recorded the ryhthms of voices around him and conveyed his most vivid feelings in the long tumbling lines which became his trademark style. His work has now become mainstream. It is found on university syllabuses all over the world.

Yet Ginsberg never won a major literary prize. And there is another school of thought which finds his work freewheeling and shallow - the rantings of a drug-behaddled mind. Ginsberg did, in-

deed, experiment with a bewildering array of narcotics from mescalin to

morphine, from dope to LSD. Bob Dylan, with whom he collaborated for some time, once described him as a "con man extraordinaire"; while John Giorno, the poet and former lover of Andy Warhol, described him as "the founding father of bullshit liberals".

But, whatever the criticisms, Ginsberg was, as one of his biographers put it, "the most practically effective drop-out around". He was the model non-conformist, the archetypal gay rights activist, the classic campaigner against censorship. And in later age he would hold forth on any of these subjects in lengthily repetitive monologues. He virtually invented flow-er power" and the fashion for bald, bearded men in home-stitched sandals.

He became something of an institution, renowned for such declarations as "poetry is best read naked" and such outlandish feats, as the time he removed all his clothing at a party, except for his underpants which he balanced on his head. A "please do not disturb sign" was suspended from his penis. At one point he spent some time learning to dance like a kangaroo from an aboriginal instructor.

Yet if his exploits sometimes appeared ludicrous. Ginsberg proved an adroit survivor. He outlived most of his enemies including J. Edgar Hoover, who declared covert war on the Beats, and McCarthy and his witchhunters. And if he saw one generation grow out of his work, a new one arose to show themselves interested. In later years he collaborated with such bands as The Clash, Sonic Youth and. most recently. Bono of U.2.

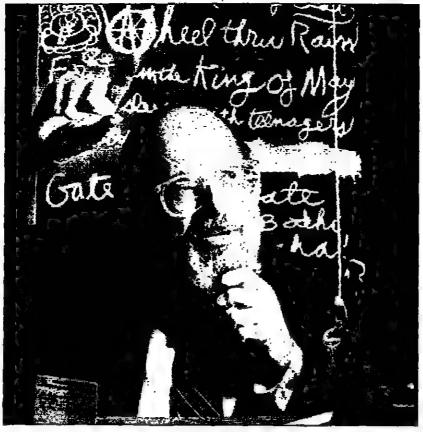
Allen Ginsberg was born in New Jersey, the son of Russian Jewish immigrants. His father, Louis, was a schoolteacher, and a poet of modest repute. He and his wife Naomi - in her youth an articulate and idealistic Marxist - were enthusiasts of naturism. But as a boy Allen led a disturbed life. Few visitors came to the house for, as his mother's periodic bouts of schizophrenia intens-ified, she routinely walked about naked crying out that her mother-in-law was

trying to kill her with poison gas.

At the age of five Ginsberg watched

ALLEN GINSBERG

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from his cot as his mother set fire to the house and when he was nine he was standing outside the bathroom door while she, locked inside, slashed her wrists with a knife. His second major poem Kaddish (1960) was inspired by a memory of his mother cooking him supper while she told him of her meeting with God: "the Charity of her hands stinking with Manhattan, madness, desire to please me, cold undercooked fish - pale red near the bones. Her smells — and oft naked in the room, so that I stare ahead, or turn a book ignoring her." In 1947 - long after the

divorce of their parents - Allen Ginsberg and his elder brother Gene were finally to sign consent for their mother to be lobotomised.

Ginsberg was educated in Paterson. New Jersey, and went on to Columbia University intending to become a lawyer. Although he proved himself extremely bright, he was suspended for writing obscene graffiti on the dirty windows of his dormitory. Eventually allowed to resume his studies, he graduated in 1948. In the interim, however, Ginsberg had already started on his unofficial educa-

tion. He had worked several short stints as a messman in the Merchant Navy and had his first homosexual encounter with a middle-aged sailor. He had fallen under the influence of William Burroughs who, 12 years his senior, had a flat nearby. Burroughs had not yet written a book, it was to be Ginsberg who eventually persuaded him to do so. He had also been in trouble with the police after his flat was used as a base for a robbery, "Genius Columbia Student, Master of Crime Ring," read the headlines of the local

paper.

To avoid prosecution as an accomplice, Ginsberg pleaded insanity and spent eight months in a mental hospital. But perhaps he was not altogether unsuited for the place. He had been using hallucinogens heavily - God had spoken to him while he was reading Blake, he said. He met Carl Solomon in the asylum, to whom he later dedicated Howl.

On his discharge Ginsberg found desultory employment: on a magazine, in a ribbon factory in New Jersey and as a market research consultant in San Francisco. But then in 1954 he met Peter Orlovsky who was to remain his lifelong companion. And in that year he finally decided to dedicate himself to "Blake, smoking pot, and doing whatever 1 wanted to do". He never looked back.

Drawn to San Francisco by what he called "its long tradition of Bohemia". he met and mixed with such San Francisco poets as Robert Duncan, Gary Snyder and Lawrence Ferlinghetti. It was the last who, in 1956, published the poem Howl. Ferlinghetti was charged with obscenity and Ginsberg's reputation was made.

He went on to publish some ten more volumes of poetry as well as copious journals. He also made a number of spontaneous films". During the 1960s he travelled extensively, including to India to study Buddhism, to Cuba where he publicly attacked the Castro Government for its repression of homosexuals, and to England where he accompanied Bob Dylan on his Don't Look Back tour. In London he performed at the Royal Albert Hall, accompanying himself on the harmonium. He and his friend, Gregory Corso, took the opportunity to visit

W. H. Auden in Oxford. Corso attempted to kiss the turn ups of Auden's trousers. During another encounter with a famous poet, the 82-year-old Ezra Pound, Ginsberg played him the Beatles Yellow Submarine. "He seemed to like it," he said. "He tapped his stick,"

All over America, Ginsberg gave countless poetry readings and held "office hours" at universities. He was a presence at everything from "be-ins" - mass outdoor festivals of chanting costumes and music - to anti-war protests. He spoke out at first, for the legalisation of drugs, although gradually he came to regret his involvement in the drugs scene and toured universities instead preaching the superiority of yoga and meditation over narcotic abuse - although he still claimed that LSD had enabled him to pray for President Lyndon Johnson instead of hating him.

For the last 20 years of his life Ginsberg devoted much of his time to a Buddhist college, the Naropa Institute in Colorado, where he taught poetry. His principal guru Chögyam Trungpa, whose nirvanic state never quite overcame his earthly passions for women, cars and cannabis, died in 1987. But Ginsberg continued to defend him and his somewhat unconvincing habits - which included staffing his house with devotees rigged out as English butlers and teaching his students Oxonian English "so that they would be conscious of speech as a formulated aesthetic act like flower arranging".

Ginsberg suffered from diabetes and in later years from heart problems and hepatitis. In 1970 he contracted Bell's Palsy. The disease affected his eyes which were left, as Time magazine unkindly out it, "one wide and innocent, gazing at eternity; the other narrow and scrutinising, looking for its market share". Perhaps this was unfair. Ginsberg gave large proportions of his money to a charity he set up in aid of struggling poets. He lived in a run down-flat on New York's Lower East Side where he ate macrobiotically and meditated daily. He always resisted being lionised as poet. Yet today his work sells more copies than it did even in the Sixties.

He leaves no survivors.

SIR NORMAN ALEXANDER

Sir Norman Alexander, Commingwealth academic, died on March 26 aged 89. He was born in October 7, 1907

A NATURAL innovator, Norman Alexander combined his skill as a scientist with great practical ingenuity. He would set his mind to any task from designing a magnetic station in Ibadan, Nigeria, which became one of the most important geophysical observatories at low latitudes, to building the bus shelter at Redisham, in Suffolk where he retired. As a prisoner of war of the

Japanese his resourcefulness proved invaluable to his fellow inmates, but he will be most remembered for his services to miversities all over the world. He was Professor of Physics for many years at Raffles College in Singapore and later at Ibadan University. He helped with the planning and development of universities in the West Indies, the South Pacific and southern Africa.



Norman Stanley Alexander was born in Mangapiko, Te Awamutu, New Zealand, one of eight children in a family of second generation immigrant farmers. As a boy he had to work hard on the farm which had been claimed from unworked but traditionally Maori lands. But at school he showed himself an exceptional scholar, too, and his family pooled scant resources to pay for him to go on to study at Auckland University.

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Graduating with a first in physics in 1927, he became a unior lecturer at Auckland, In 1930 he won a Commonwealth Scholarship to study in Cam-bridge, where he began to work for his PhD at the Cavendish laboratory, under Lord Rutherford, his compatriot. He learned from him the valuable art of conducting research with home-made equipment on a shoe-string budget. Completing his PhD in 1935 he went on to take up a post a year later as Professor of Physics at Raffles College,

When the Japanese invaded Singapore in 1942, Alexander's wife and family had already fled. He, however, who had stayed working up until the last minutes developing X-Rays in Singapore General Hospital, was captured and interned in Changi Jail and, later, in the Sime Road internment camp. His fellow prisoners valued him for his sharp intellect and practical ingenuity, for his humour and

scrupulous fairness. He would discuss how to maintain the intellect under brutalising conditions and he and his companions - the majority of them professionals who had been exempted from National Service - would give lectures. each on his particular expertise. His physics lectures attracted a large following.

He built a salt evaporation plant from materials which he scrounged. He also soon got a mini-industrial plant running to provide the camp hospital with surgical spirit, produced by the fermentation or rice After his release from the

camp in 1945, he never liked to discuss his time there. He took up work again at Raifles College as soon as his health permitted. Students found they could resume their studies exactly where they had left off. In 1952 the college became

the University of Malaya at Singapore. Alexander moved to Nigeria to take up a post as Professor of Physics at University College, Ibadan, Under his relaxed style of leadership, the physics department developed a broad range of geo-physical research and his first PhD students went on to become distinguished geo physicists in the international academic community. Alexander also continued to exercise his considerable practical skills, whether in prising open the jammed university safe in the absence of a locksmith or milking the campus cow.

At the end of 1959 he briefly moved to Ankara, but soon returned to Nigeria again to become the first Vice-Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University in northern Nigeria, a post he held until 1966. He was knighted on his retire-

For the next five years he hecame what he liked to call a "freelance vice-chancellor", involved in the setting up and planning of universities all over the world. In 1971 he was appointed to the governing body of the School of Oriental and African Studies.

Retiring to Redisham in Suffolk in 1972, he continued to indulge his passion for innovation whether repairing the church or making accurate fibre-glass Roman helmets for the children's nativity play. He later moved to Devonshire, where he enjoyed the upkeep of his house and garden and sometimes hammered visitors into the ground with his passion for logical argument. He could discuss anything from the finer points of Beethoven quartets through the rigging of Nelson's ships to new ways of exercising his wife's arm and leg after her stroke.

Norman Alexander married three times. His first wife Elizabeth Caldwell died in 1958. Soon after he married Constance Geary, a Professor of Education at Ibadan University. She, too, predeceased him. He is survived by his third wife Evelyn Clark together with a son and two daughters of his first

LADY TEMPLER Lady Templer, widow of Field Marshal Sir Gerald Davie, who eventually settled in Plympton.

Templer, died on March 24 aged 92. She was born on July 23, 1904.

FOR many years Peggie Templer made a successful career as an officer's wife, resolutely in the background and supportive to a man who could at times be prickly. But she came into her own as "First Lady of Malaya" when Sir Gerald Templer served there as High Commissioner

Peggie Templer learnt to speak Malay, made broadcasts in that language, and was actively involved in every aspect of Malaya's welfare. As Templer's biographer wrote: While Gerald hid a soft and sympathetic heart under a hard and sometimes rough exterior, Peggie had a strong will and a determination to achieve what she wanted which would sometimes show through the very genuine sympathy and warmth which she

constantly conveyed to all around her. They made a good

from 1952 to 1954.

One of her lasting achievements was the Lady Templer Hospital on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur. This began as a TB hospital, and is now a general one. She also set up an organisation similar to the Women's Institute, with the help of the Labour MP Margaret Herbison, which inspired the Communists to proclaim: "We must be on guard against the wife of Templer and her so-called women's movement which aims at bluffing the womenfolk into joining the Women's

Peggie Templer was a Devonian by birth twice over. Her father's family were mer-chants in Bideford in the 16th century and her grandfather was chairman of Devon County Council. Her mother, Beatrice Walrond, traced her ancestry to Devon in the 12th century. Ethel Marjorie (Peggie) Davie was the daugh-ter of a Hove lawyer, Charles

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She was a bright, good

looking and sweet-natured girl, with a quizzical owl-like curiosity in her glance. Her father took fright when her headmistress suggested she should sit the Oxford exam and took her from school, consigning her education to the hands of a governess.

Her early years were restless, and she was happiest when staying with her grandparents. It was on such a visit at a bazaar when she was 16, that she met the young Gerald Templer, then an officer in the Royal Irish Fusiliers on leave from Egypt. Sheethought him "a rather stuck-up young man". But meeting him again in 1924 she revised her view and after a ten-day courtship they became engaged.
The prospective union was

not wholly popular with her parents as the young soldier was without money or prospects and due to return to Egypt for two years. But their devotion proved strong and on September 8, 1926, they were married, the young officer a handsome figure in scarlet tunic and bearskin.

A peripatetic military life iollowed with postings to Cai-ro, Camberley, Salisbury, York, Palestine and other military centres in Britain. When Templer was raising a new cadre in Wales, Peggie bought a thousand vests and bicycled all over Ross rounding up helpers to sew different coloured flashes on the shoul-ders. She also ran a social club and the men that relaxed there were subsequently embarrassed to discover that she was the colonel's wife.

From 1941 to 1945 she settled with her daughter. Jane, at Woodford, near Amesbury, and became a lieutenant-colo nel in the St John Ambulance Brigade, arranging escorts transferring the wounded to hospitals. This activity ceased when it transpired that the "colonel" was pregnant with her son, Miles.

Military life was followed by the Malayan interlude.



Sir Gerald Templer and Lady Templer take their leave of Malaya, 1954

Thereafter she was a supportive wife and hostess to the CIGS, contributing greatly to his success and diffusing occasional moments when the Field Marshal lost his cool. This found further outlets as his ceremonial role expanded and he became Colonel of the Blues and Royals, Governor of the Tower of London and chairman of the National Army Museum. She was also a tireless worker for the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf and for SSAFA.

One evening in 1967, Sir Gerald was walking the dog and had thrown his wife's cape over his shoulders. Possibly mistaken for her, he was set upon by thugs, who were surprised by the force with which the Tiger of Malaya" repelled them.

Sir Gerald died in 1979. In widowhood Lady Templer could be seen shopping alone in the King's Road, Chelsea. Latterly she retired to the country. She is survived by a son and daughter.

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I would say a word on behalf of the Victorians whom humorous young Georgians believe to have been given over to all that was ugly and banal. Now there is not, there never was, any Victorian type, as having a common The author claimed to have lived in character of its own, either in literature four reigns, including that of William or in art, in habits or in manners. The 64 IV, "and a very bad time it was". years of Victoria's reign form a period of continued growth, of new ideas, of intense vitality and change, of attempts to realize new forms of intellectual and

jesting about Victorian prudery is concealed impatience of a moral reforsocial evolution. As a very old man who mation after an evil time. Complaints of has lived through it all, and well into Oueen Victoria's conventional stiffness this wondrous 20th century, I can recall may be narrowed down to this - that a variety of efforts during the 19th she idolized her husband, who as a man century to set up new modes of life. Each really was virtuous, able, and earnest. It succeeding generation, almost each decade, had its own ideal or style; and would have been better if she had given no one of them was quite old-fashioned less attention to politics and more or vulgar. The view that the Victorian attention to society. But her conjugal devotion is not so unworthy a character type was conventional and dull, and that the new Georgian type is so for a woman. spiritual, strikes us veterans as a droll

From the first of the many Royal Commissions, of which Albert was by

ON THIS DAY

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no means the mere figurehead, there grew up a succession of schools, movements, and thinkers who were trying new lines of grace, culture, and thought. Were Carlyle, Ruskin, Dickens, Thackeray, Arnold, Rossetti, Burne-Jones and Millais high priests of the conventional and the old-fashioned? And when Carlyle, Ruskin, and Morris were not the prophets they had been in their day, were Swinburne, Browning, and Hardy such slaves of the antiquated forms? If anyone was truly Victorian it was Tennyson; and if we do not now claim for him all that the Victorians offered at his shrine, no one calls him a formalist or a vulgarian. It is true that we do not now admire the Houses of Parliament, or the Albert Memorial, or the Crystal Palace as triumphs of Victorian art; but it is not easy to name any new Georgian buildings which are so plainly superior - not even the great Waterloo terminus. I remember the completion of the British Museum facade, and I doubt if the new County Council Hall will put it to shame . . .



The broadcaster Martin Bell is to stand as an anticorruption candidate against Neil Hamilton, the Conservative MP at the centre of the cash-for-questions controversy. The decision, made in agreement with the local Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates, meant that the pressure on Mr Hamilton to stand down was at breaking-point _____ Page 1

Cook outflanks Tories on Europe

Robin Cook launched an audacious attempt to outflank the Government on the single currency by virtually ruling out membership for five years. The Shadow Foreign Secretary took the position that Tory Eurosceptics have been urging when he said that if Britain did not join in 1999 it was unlikely to do so in the course of the next Parliament...

Election 97: 7-11. Liberal Democratic manifesto: 40, 41

National defiance

The Grand National will become a symbol of defiance when it is run today amid the tightest security operation at a sporting event in Britain. Thirty-six runners are expected for the rescheduled race at 5pm which will be shown live by the BBC Pages 1, 3

Aristocratic snubs

Britain is turning its back on its loyal servants in Ireland after the Ambassador to Dublin ordered the removal of Anglo-Irish aristocrats from the guest list Page 2

High earners penalty High earners are to be fined more heavily under new guidelines for magistrates. An income of E30,000 a year is classified as high, El3.000 as average and £5,000 as low ...

Bishop for all

Clergy of five denominations in Wales have put their historic differences behind them to ask for an "ecumenical bishop"... Page 4 Battlefield fight

Robert Hardy, the actor and authority on medieval warfare, asked the Government to stop a property developer building on a Page 4

School trip casualty

A boy whose skull was fractured thrown at his school coach in Belgium was recovering in inten-

Pet counselling

Vets are being increasingly called upon to counsel grief-stricken owners when their pets die Page 5 Atlanta threat

A group daiming responsibility for two explosions in Atlanta has issued a declaration of war against the United States Government...

Hutu airlift

The United Nations began planning its biggest and most expensive humanitarian airlift to move more than 100,000 Hutus, including some mass killers, back to

Wilson's outburst

Harold Wilson furiously berated his Commonwealth colleagues in talks on the future of Rhodesia in the 1960s and told them to stop treating Britain like "a bloody ... Page 13

Thatcher's role

Baroness Thatcher is poised to play a central role in the dramatic reforms planned for Russia in the final years of the Yeltsin presidency, according to the most powerful new figure in Kremlin

Spy is sued

A disillusioned former French spy who has written a book when a concrete block was revealing the machinations of the French secret police is being sued by the Government forPage 5 defamation

Ski resort 'is going downhill'

■ The world's largest ski company is involved in a bitter dispute with the founders of Vail, in Colorado, who claim its new owners are turning the resort - a favourite of Diana, Princess of Wales — into a downmarket theme park. Oldtimers say Vail Resorts, the new management company, is creating



Rubbish covers the Champs Elysées after the 21st Paris Marathon yesterday. John Kemboi of Kenya won the race

Privatisation: Advisers have been appointed to draw up plans to sell the Inland Revenue's offices and lease them back, potentially releasing £2.5 billion Page 48 Yachting business: Chay Blyth is

launching a plan to start a rolling international regatta that will tour the Far East and act as a platform for British exports Page 48

Booming Britain: The British economy is now growing too fast for comfort, making higher interest rates a top priority for the next Page 48

Zantac: Glaxo, makers of the world's top selling drug, have lost another round in their legal campaign to stop Canada's Novopharm from making a generic version.

ARTS

Melvyn Bragg in Mexico: "To a North of England Anglican, all this weeping and idolatry ought to have been anathema. Instead it was impossible to resist being swept up in it".... Page 18 An artistic good start: The new

looks at the drawings and watercolours behind Turner's great Girls on top: Eternal, Britain's other platinum-selling girl band.

exhibition at the Tate Gallery

gave the fans just what they came for in their gig at the Wembley Man of the moment: Anthony Minghella's 1989 radio play Cigarettes and Chocolate receives

a well-timed stage revival in

FEATURES

Time bomb: Vulcanologists predict a major eruption - but they cannot say where. Anjana Ahuja .. Page 15

Nigel Hawkes: The understanding of human genes is growing fast, but the clinical applications of the new knowledge are proving much more .Page 15

New life, new love: Jeremy Lowndes has not touched spirits since the night his first wife was battered to death at the couple's villa on the Costa del Sol and he leapt from a balcony, breaking both ankles..... .. Page 16

Valerie Grove: A year in which Martin Amis's father died, also saw the birth of a daughter. It left him both "strengthened and emboldened"..

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES **■ FILM FACT**

Making a movie isn't the end of the story. Getting it shown is what really counts

■ COST CONSCIOUS British companies are getting better at reducing costs. A 12-page report

westerly, light to moderate. Mild. Max 14C (57F), cooler on the coast.

☐ Edinburgh & Dundee, Aber-deen, Moray Firth: cloudy at first, sunny intervals later. Wind south-

westerly, light to moderate, Mild. Max 14C (57F), but cooler on the

SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: rather cloudy with

hill and coastal drizzle. Wind south-

westerly, moderate, locally fresh Mild. Max 14C (57F).

☐ NE Scotland, Orkney, Shet-

SPORT

Cup final: A goal apiece during extra time took the Middlesbrough-Leicester City Coca-Cola final to a replay on April 16.....Page 27 Tennia: Britain failed to gain promotion from the Davis Cup Euro-African zone group one when Zimbabwe took a 3-1 lead. Page 26 Football: Liverpool missed the chance of going top of the Premiership when they lost 1-2 at home to Coventry City. Dion Dublin scored Page 29 the winner.

Rugby union: Wasps, the Courage Club Championship leaders, salvaged a vital point when a try in the final minutes brought them a 25-25 draw with Bath Page 32 Sport for all: Those with a sense of adventure and a head for heights can have a whale of a time on the OCEAN WAVE..... Saifing: One of the oldest sailing

records was broken when Nicorette, the 80ft Grand Mistral maxi skippered by Ludde Ingvall, set the fastest time for a monohull crossing of the Atlantic...... Page 39 Snooker: Stephen Hendry, the

world champion, said he had "simply run out of steam" when beaten by Mark Williams in the final of the British Open... Page 36

LOTTERY NUMBERS

1, 3, 28, 31, 41, 46. Bonus 33. Two tickets each won £4,963,025; 7 won £436,309 for 5 balls and the bonus; 520 won £3,670 for 5; 39,177 won £107 for 4 and 842,881 won £10 for 3.

TV LISTINGS.

Preview: Snapping up bargains in The Antiques Show (BBC2, 8.30pm). Review: Matthew Bond sees a commode drama.... Page 47

Out of the race

Republicans are attempting to blackmail the Northern Ireland electorate and the next British Government into voting for them as the only route to peace ____Page 21 Policy and the world

Labour has now discovered areas where the Conservatives are vulnerable. Some are those where Labour has traditionally taken a high moral tone: overseas aid and human rights

Full cycle

The creed is simple: dumping rubbish in the ground is bad; burning it is worse; the only option is to recycle it. Economics makes nonsense of most of these Page 21

COLUMNS 2

There is an air of make believe about the Europe debate. John Major and Robin Cook seemed to be competing over who could add the more "verys" to "unlikely" in describing the chances of Britain entering a single currency in the next 📥 Parliament Page 20

PETER STOTHARD

It is a refrain that we have heard repeatedly over the past two weeks: why can the advisers not clear off and let the candidates be themselves. It is a hopeless refrain. It is hopeless because the art of democracy has been a science for as long as democracy has existed. Page 20

TOBITUALES FEEL

Allen Ginsberg, poet; Lady Templar, widow of the Field Marshall; Sir Norman Alexander, Commonwealth academic......

ETERS :

Lords reform; Labour and unions; guardsmen in custody; IRA tactics; modern morality

THE EAPERS

As long as resorting to clandestine procedures in order to keep a watch on citizens is not subject to strict and independent controls, anything is possible. Francois Mitterrand had the merit, unwittingly of course, of reminding us of that

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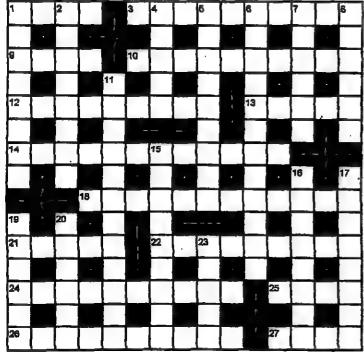
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- 3 Fall in dark beside climbing shrub (10). 9 A number backing the alliance
- 10 Songsters from single church visiting countries out East (10).
- 12 Brandy and game tucked into by old Venetian traveller (5,4). 13 'ow an 'orseman travelled to eat
- away? (5). 14 Surrogate stable-lad's limited accommodation (8-4). 18 Inclined to act rashly, threatening
- disturbing reports (7-5). 21 Firm embracing revolutionary beliefs (5).
- 22 Stall a conductor may demand 24 About liberal reform, a Parisian
- is not to be trusted (10).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzie No 20,446 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

- 25 Sporty New Zealander, though not a flighty type (4).
- 26 Like a vile-sounding opera, of very little worth (10).
- 27 Very old artist retiring without a shilling (4).

l Weapon appears in a catalogue,

- causing needless panic (8). 2 In America, the permanent way to coerce (8).
- 4 Highly inebriated bishop leaves for game (5). 5 Meeting in the station area (9).
- 6 Single condition from composer and poet holding up function (12). 7 A justification of sanity (6).
- 8 Acquiescent types originally serving in Asiau republic (3-3). 11 Dog bounds over pass with rest (6,6).
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spells. There may be rather more cloud in the west, with mist there Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy at first, with hill fog and drizzle. Western and northern parts will stay rather cloudy with occa-sional drizzle, but in the east sunny

intervals will develop later. 🗋 London, SE England, E Anglia Central S England, E Midlands: early mist clearing, bright or sunry spells. Wind southerty, light. Mild. spells. William Max 15C (59F).

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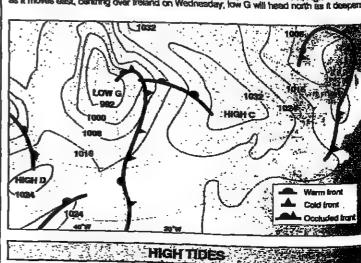
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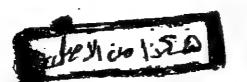
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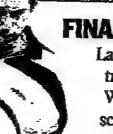


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Late equaliser gives Leicester final replay PAGE 27

LOVE LOST

British hearts break in Davis Cup **PAGE 26**



FINAL STING

Last-minute try lets Wasps scramble a point PAGE 32



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Sailing back to adventure on board Endeavour PAGE 38



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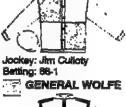
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LO STREGONE





National pride at stake as Aintree reopens gates

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

THE form book does not offer guidance on how bomb threats and the actions of terrorists affect the performance of a horse in a race, let alone the world's most famous steeplechase. But, as the expected 36 runners line up for the delayed Martell Grand National at teatime today, selecting or backing a winner has never seemed more irrelevant.

After the calculated attempt on Saturday to disfigure a treasured part of the nation's sporting heritage, only one result is of any significance: the race must be run. Racing, not the terrorists, must be the winner.

Until now, sport, and the Turf in particular, has been protected from the horrors that have been inflicted on so many either side of the Irish Sea. There has been an unwritten belief that the unbreakable bond between the Irish and their horses has protected the noble creatures and those associated Aintree Ali Areas", barked out with scary urgency over the loudspeakers at 3:12pm, shattered that illusion once

As the 150th running of the Grand National finally gets under way, what

Race goes ahead Aintree chaos Leading article TV Action Replay Richard Dunwoody SMITH'S BAND Rob Hughes

> should one expect? With no carparking allowed at Aintree, the stands may be cerily empty when the starting tapes rise shortly after 5pm. And what of the course over which the field must race? An abiding memory of Saturday afternoon was the army of spectators who claimed their personal memento of the big day by removing pieces of birch from the fences and proceeded to

carry them around in triumph. For a few moments, it appeared as though Macbeth was being enacted, with a forest moving steadily towards Anchor Bridge, which straddles the Leeds-Liverpool canal and was the escape route for many on Saturday.

Of equal concern is the state of the

ground - and not just its relative firmness or softness. All kinds of debris was deposited on the track by the departing army, including bottles deliberately broken by those claiming to be animal lovers and calling themselves animal rights protesters. Some-how, every last sliver of glass, every bottle and can, must by cleared up.

Then there is the going itself. An

exceptionally lush covering of grass, which offered some protection to horses who like softer conditions



underfoot, has been trampled close to non-existence in places by tens of thousands of feet. A persistent drying wind will have eliminated any remaining ease and the ground, by Irish standards, will be fast.

Most important of all, how will the horses react to the upheaval of the past 48 hours? Routine is as important for them as for children. After being brought to peak fitness, their lives have been thrown into turmoil. Some were ferried to stables at Haydock, or

If any have missed out on their normal diet or exercise pattern the effect on performance could be dramatic. "If the routine is broken, horses are likely to suffer," Nick Wingfield Digby, leading Newmarket vet, said.

"Depending on their temperament, some horses will get more buoyed up than others. But they will all respond differently.

All of which suggests the best bet is no bet but, if ever there was a time vhen backers must strike a wager, out of loyalty and support to the Grand National itself, it is today. On Saturday, I recommended Antonin with confidence, Ideally, he

would like easier ground and the delay has not helped his cause. However, I refuse to alter my recommendation. To do so would be to submit, in some small way, to the men who saboraged the original race. Each and every one of the 60,000 people who attended the Grand National on Saturday has a tale to tell; here

is mine. After obtaining one of the last rooms in a hotel about 20 minutes' drive from Aintree on Saturday evening, four of us sat down for a late-night snack in a restaurant named after Winston Churchill and whose walls are adorned with Second World War pictures, posters and mem-

Looking down upon us was a portrait of the great man along with an extract from one of his most famous speeches, "We shall go on to the end. We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. Britain will fight the menace of tyranny for years, and, if necessary, alone." More than half a century later, the bulldog spirit lives on. Especially at 5pm today.



Dextra Dove, a Grand National runner, is exercised at Haydock yesterday. Photograph: Peter Nicholls



Jockey: Adie Smith



Jockey: Terry Mitchell Betting: 68-1



Jockey: Paul Holley











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McGrath shines when the going gets tough

TENNIS: COMFORTABLE VICTORY FOR ZIMBABWE ENDS HOPES OF IMMINENT DAVIS CUP PROMOTION

demonstrations ... BBC Sport has a long and frustrating record of grandly ignoring them all, of blithely pretending that the news story under their nose is not there. But the evacuation of 70,000 people attending one of the biggest sporting events of the year, not even the BBC could

ignore that. Events started to depart from the planned programme soon after the cameras arrived in the paddock. We at home had just endured the most extraordinary musical massacre of the runners and riders (a tune that might have been written by Eric Coates, complete with whip-cracks and the occasional whinny) and were just getting over the shock of discovering that neither Rich-Pitman nor Peter

SO, IT is to the Ukraine in July

the next stage in the eagerly

awaited rejuvenation of men's

tennis in Great Britain. After

Jamie Delgado was battered

into submission 6-0, 6-0, 6-2 by Byron Black, Zimbabwe took

an unassailable 3-i lead over

Britain to win the secondround tie in the Davis Cup

Euro-African zone group one

been put to one side and David

Lloyd must now take his squad to Klev in the hope of

After the heroics of Andrew

Richardson on Friday, who blasted his way past the elder

Black brother, the omens had

not looked good on Saturday,

when Wayne and Byron Black

defeated Mark Petchey and

Nell Broad in the doubles.

Leaving Britain 2-1 down, it

left far too much for the young Delgado to do yesterday.

Facing the world No 46, and

a man who has collected

nearly \$3 million in prize-

money in his six years on the

ATP Tour, Delgado was sty-

mied. He had no idea what to

do next as his first service

deserted him and every shot

he tried headed for the back-

stop or the tram lines. Al-

though he claimed he had not

been nervous before the start.

the nerves started jangling as

and Delgado was still not on

the score sheet, he looked like

a man who desperately want-

ed to be somewhere else.

When finally he hit a back-

hand winner at the end of the

second set, he raised his arms

to acknowledge the applause

BOWLS

the enthusiastic, if

soon as he got to work. As the games whistled by,

All Britain's thoughts of progress and promotion have

at Crystal Palace.

staying put.

word "dour" meant. That brief exchange was to be the last of the afternoon's fun-

For as the cameras followed Lord Gyllene around the ring, Pitman first observed how good it was to see the crowd packed 20 deep around the paddock, then paused and added something to the effect that such a big crowd meant they probably could not see what was going on elsewhere. As 12 million once a-year punt-ers thought "What?" he ex-plained: "I do believe that there are other things happening. In fact, they're evacuating the County Stand."

Two people emerged with credit from the confusion that followed. The first was "Aussie" Jim McGrath, whose simple, calm and straightforward description of events could provide a model for any sports

symapthetic, crowd. When he

won his first game, he had the

crowd whipped to a frenzy

David Lloyd, the Britain

captain, was resigned to his team's fate and understanding

of Delgado's situation. He

remembered his own days as

a Davis Cup player, when the

blow, a heli of a blow. I

thought, when Tim and Greg

draw for us. But, for Jamie

and Andrew, it was a great

opportunity to play Davis Cup at a young age and I think

Andrew played well beyond

weekend's matches did prove

was that, without Tim

Henman and Greg Rusedski,

British tennis is still strug-

gling. Take away the top

Unfortunately, what the

anybody's expectations."

Black puts

British

revival into

perspective



MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

commentator who finds him or herself in a similar situation. Don't jump to conclusions, don't set yourself up as judge and jury and if you don't up. McGrath stuck to what he saw, knew or felt and did an excellent job.

But doing every bit as good a job was Malcolm Kemp, who was directing his first National for the BBC. We never got to see the extra cameras or the new angles that he had promised us for

how well be adapted to the unexpected turn of events. Cameras were quickly turned through 180 degrees to show what was going on and when even the positions themselves had to be evacuated, the cameras were left locked off but running. The deserted paddock was one of the endur-

ing images of the day. Kemp, however, also showed a newsman's desire to show it as it is rather than as cliché dictates it should be. While convention called for

eras picked out an over-excited party of race-goers happily destroying one of the fences. Such honesty was as refreshing as it was unexpected. I hope he is still around when the streaking season starts.

Des Lynam, however, was having a less happy time. Long before he was asked to leave the course live on air, it had been clear that this was not one of his better days. Nothing quite worked for him even to the extent of having to play his own straight man with Mick Fitzgerald, the win-

did you describe winning, Mick? Mick knew, but appar-ently wasn't saying. Better than sex, wasn't it? "Well, I hope you've been proven wrong in the interim." I suppose it was worth the wait.

ning jockey last year. "How

ny Pitman got the better of him by chiding him to hurry up and get married. "Thanks for bringing that close to the public, Jenny." Lynam replied, just a little too grumpily for it to be funny. An hour later, when his old, and now tearful. friend needed cheering up, he

was no help at all.

Eventually, total evacuation forced him to hand back to a startled-looking Gary Lineker, who suddenly found himself in charge of a crisis. Given his lack of experience, Lineker didn't make a bad job of linking a lot of rough and farfrom-ready match reports, but we were still left with the distinct impression that Grandstand's contingency planning could do with a bit of updating. Pelė's favourite footballers - how long had that

Zimbabwe run out of opportunities ZIMBABWE threw away a golden chance of beating Pakistan when four of their batsmen fell to needless run-outs in their Sharjah Cup match yesterday. In the end, Pakistan

were easy victors by 93 runs after Zimbabwe were all out for 94. Disciplined bowling by Zimbabwe had seen Pakistan dismissed for 187 in their allotment of 50 overs. Zimbabwe reached 39 without loss but their openers,

Craig Wishart (29) and Grant Flower (14), were both run out and only Andy Flower, with an unbeaten 21, reached double

☐ A sodden outfield again delayed the start of the fourth Test between West Indies and India in Antigua, on the third day yesterday. Heavy rain had caused the opening two days

Tanner justifies call-up

CYCLING: John Tanner, Britain's top rider in the recent Tour of Langkawi and named for the Dutch Olympia Tour next month, confirmed the selectors' faith in him by winning the 106-mile Cycling Weekly international grand prix yesterday on a Beaconsfield-based circuit. The Sheffield Controlware rider was never far from the head of affairs in a race that developed into a wearing-down process on the hilly course. With some 70 miles covered, the main pack of 100 split, and then Tanner eventually broke clear with Matthew Stephens before producing a late burst, to which Stephens

Kemboi reigns in Paris

ATHLETICS: Kemboi, right. of Kenya, moved away from Lucketz Swartbooi, of Namibia, in the final four miles to win the Paris Marathon yesterday. Kemboi's time of 2hr 10min 14sec was the third best in the 21-year history of the race. Swartbooi, second in the marathon at the 1993 world championships, was runner-up, about a minute and 13 seconds behind.



Launceston take title

TABLE TENNIS: Launceston landed the British League premier division title on their home tables last night when they held the Sussex club, Horsham, to a thrilling 7-7 draw, despite losing Paul Giles, their No I, with kidney problems. Chris Sladden, from Southend, who is studying mathematics at Essex University, played precision table termis to defeat the top three Sussex men and remain unbeaten.

Victory in trials

ROWING: Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent confirmed their status as Great Britain's top pair during trials in Nottingham over the weekend. They were followed home by James Cracknell and Rob Thatcher, the British double scull in Atlanta. Third place was filled by Tim Foster, the Oxford stroke in the Boat Race a week earlier, and Rupert

Reeder makes news

GYMNASTICS: Great Britain's women gymnasts achieved success against Russia when Anneka Reeder, of Basildon, and Melissa Wilcox, from Bristol, won the gold and silver 'S tinal in an international match in Glasgow on Saturday. Wilcox also took silver in the beam finals and was placed sixth in the individual overail competition. The Russians won the team event.

Sorensen surges home

CYCLING: Rolf Sorensen, right, of Denmark, won the Tour of Flanders World Cup race in Meerbeke, Belgium, yesterday, ahead of Frederic Moncassin, of France, and Franco Ballerini, of Italy. Sorensen, 31, covered the 256 kliometres in 6 hours and 41 seconds. World champion Johan Museeuw, of Belgium, saw his hopes of victory ended by mechanical



Funnell edges out Tait

EQUESTRIANISM: Pippa Funnell won a close battle with Blyth Tait, the Olympic champion, in the Dines Hall Horse Trials at Halstead, Funnell, on Rainbow Magic, finished with 43 points for a one-point win over Tait, the New Zealander, riding Chesterfield in one of the Pedigree Chum series warm-ups for the Badminton three-day event next

Mellor's wait rewarded

LACROSSE: After losing the Flags final for the past three seasons. Mellor were at last triumphant, beating Heaton Mersey 13-10 in the Daily Telegraph Senior Flags Final at Didsbury yesterday. But it was touch-and-go with the score tied at 10-10 at full time. In eight minutes of extra time, Jon Lowe scored twice and Andy Bickerton once to give Mellor

nerves took over. "It's the only time I've ever frozen and I still don't know why," he said. "Jamie has got to work out what happened today and learn how to stop it happening What Lloyd has learnt is that, even with the best pair of players Britain has had to its name in many a long year. luck still plays its part in the Davis Cup. We will go forward." he said, "but things were against us from the start. To lose both top players is a

Delgado plays a backhand during his straight-sets defeat by Byron Black at Crystal Palace vesterday

names and Lloyd has to fall back on players whose immediate ambitions lie in breaking into the top 200 in the world. Yesterday Andrew Richardson put up another valiant struggle but lost the final and

dead rubber 6-3, 6-7, 7-6 to Compared with Zimbabwe, who pick their team from one

family. Britain would appear

to have an abundance of riches. Zimbabwe have just a handful of serious competitive players, of whom three are on the world ranking list. They have little money but a great deal of enthusiasm and, as they go forward to Thursday's draw for the world group

qualifying round, everyone is hoping for a big name and a home tie to spread the word about Zimbabwe tennis.

Black admitted that the national team lacked depth. "This has to be one our best wins," he said. "I have been thinking about this tie for

months and I was expecting to play Henman and Rusedski. which would have made it a lot tougher." As for Britain, it is back to the drawing board for the moment. The trip to the Ukraine comes immediately after Wimbledon, and four weeks of grass-court biff and bash. Put up against Andrel Medvedev and his teammates, they face the prospect of a slow clay court - not the favoured surface of any British man. Failure there means another tie against either Hungary or Belgium to avoid

CRICKET: KENYA CAPTAIN ODUMBE THE STUMBLING BLOCK IN RAIN-INTERRUPTED ICC TROPHY SEMI-FINAL

Eight and out for hot shots

NO ONE expects the extravagance of a maximum count of eight shots in pairs of fours to happen in the national finals. Defence should be tighter when there are international players on the rink, and a count of eight — where one side finishes with all of their eight bowls closer to the jack than the opposition's - is rarely seen.

Yesterday, however, at Melton Mowbray, Reading Whiteknights grabbed a re-markable lifeline when they hit the jackpot against Kingsthorpe, skipped by Mick Sharpe.

Whiteknights, the 1995 champions, were trailing, 7-19, after 14 ends of their quarter-final, when Sharpe, attempting to remove shots, removed his own team's best efforts, and gave Garry Stacey, the Whiteknights skip, the chance to add the eighth shot with his last bowl.

Only four shots separated the sides at 19-15 but a similar story, this time involving a reversal of roles, on the 16th end, saw Stacey take out Whiteknights' nearest bowl to concede six.

Kingsthorpe, who went on to win 30-16, now meet Stanley in the semi-final, while Cyphers, the holders, take on

Tough task for Ireland in World Cup quest

Correspondent IN KUALA LUMPUR

IRELAND'S cricketers went to bed in Kuala Lumpur last night knowing they must score 216 from 50 overs to beat Kenya and take a place in the 1999 World Cup finals.
The first ICC Trophy semi-

final was delayed by overnight rain and a sodden outfield, but dedicated mopping-up and a sensible flexibility towards the playing conditions allowed Kenya to complete an innings prove a formidable total with a strident 67 off 71 balls, his second half-century against Ireland in the tournament.

Ireland won the toss and, with the outfield still wet enough to help stem the boundaries, had little hesitation in putting Kenya in. Mark Patterson, who will play for Surrey this summer, was again wayward and expensive, although he did tempt Sandeep Gupta to pull to

of 215 for eight. Maurice backward square leg to end an Otieno and, having scored 99 Odumbe, the Kenya captain, lifted his side to what should A brief stoppage for rain the opening round, he was the A brief stoppage for rain after 16 overs gave Mike

Hendrick, the Ireland coach, a chance to regroup and a switch to an all-spin attack quickly checked Kenya on the resumption. Veteran Garfield Harrison bowled three maiden overs, but Neil Doak made a more important contribution by bowling Asif Karem and Steve Tikolo within three deliveries, the latter playing on via thigh pad and elbow. Odumbe then joined Kenny

the opening round, he was the major contributor in a fifthwicket partnership of 75. Otieno was caught by Harrison running around the midwicket boundary for 51, one of four excellent catches by Ireland, and Thomas Odoyo departed two balls later when Andy Patterson dived forward to take a leading edge at backward point.

To cap a fine fielding display by Ireland, Andy, the younger of the Patterson brothers, then plucked out middle stump with a throw from long-off with Odumbe a few inches short of his ground. By that stage it was probably too late for ireland, who had seen the Kenya captain start a late assault. Ireland walked off knowing

much better, but they will probably have to settle for the third-place play-off against Scotland or Bangladesh on

they could not have performed

Thursday, SCORE: Keleb Kilet: Kenya 215-8 (50 overs) (M Odumbe 67, K Odeno 51; P McCrum 4-51) v letland

HOCKEY: READING LIFT MEN'S TITLE BUT SLOUGH'S LEAGUE AND CUP DOUBLE DREAM IS DASHED

Pearn puts paid to Cannock Ipswich reap sweet revenge

League was fulfilled after a 4-1 home win against Cannock yesterday, although success was not as easy as the scoreline suggests. (Sydney Friskin writes). Cannock had as much of the play in the first half, but failed to capitalise on three short corners.

The temporary suspension of Kalbir Takher was a setback for Cannock and Reading forged ahead in the 23rd minute. A free hit by Hoskin was helped along by Briscoe and Grant Edwards was on hand to score.

Jon Wyatt converted a penalty stroke five minutes before half-time and Pearn consolidated Reading's position with another goal shortly after the resumption of play. Paul Edwards inter-league play-offs later this month.

READING'S ambition to win the premier division title in the National 42nd minute to enable Cannock to climb back into the game but, although Wyatt, the Reading captain, was temporarily suspended, Cannock could not add to their score. Eventually, Sanders set up Pearn to score Reading's fourth goal in the last

> With Reading home and dry, an 8-3 victory against Canterbury, at Chiswick, was of little consequence to Teddington, who finished runners-up. A 2-2 draw with Hounslow was not enough to save Surbiton from relegation and they will accompany Havant to the first division. Edgbaston and City of Portsmouth will fight for the right to stay in the first division in the

A GOAL in each half by Sarah Bamfield, the Ipswich striker, de-stroyed Slough's hopes of a league and

cup double when the Suffolk side avenged the 2-1 league defeat on Saturday with a convincing 42 victory in the sixth round of the AEWHA Cup yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). Slough, who overtook Ipswich at the head of the Premiership after Karen Brown struck twice in the second half to steer them home, must now win their final game against Hightown to make sure of capturing

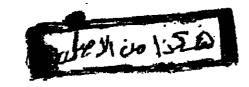
their faith title. Their confident and dominant second-half display at Ipswich gave Slough every reason to expect another victory yesterday, but they came up against a team determined to have

something to show for their efforts at the end of the season.

Leisa King gave Ipswich an early lead, and although Mandy Nicholis and Brown replied to put Slough 2-1 up, Kirsten Spencer levelled from a sixteenth-minute penalty corner, and Bamfield then struck twice to put the holders into the semi-finals.

Two goals by Claire Ferguson steered Doncaster to a 4-1 victory over Sutton Coldfield, and Clifton and Hightown also booked their places in the last four with wins over teams from lower divisions. But, despite their good cup runs. Doncaster and Hightown still face the threat of relegation, along with Leicester and Trojans, as the league campaign enters the final run-in.

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Middlesbrough flair effectively stifled by honest endeavour and defensive resistance

Leicester draw on survival instinct

Middlesbrough

n out

(AFTER EXTRA TIME) BY OUVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THEY came to Wembley yesterday. the Middlesbrough and Leicester City lans, hoping and fearing in turn that they were about to witness the grace and guile of a fine player winning the Coca-Cola Cup for the team from the North-East. They were expecting Juninho to monopolise the game with his darting runs and his passing and moving. Instead, they were left to institute of the color of witness a different kind of beauty.

For two hours of a largely drab game devoid of chances and so lacking in inspiration that neither team managed a shot on target in the first half, the 76,000 fans who swarmed down the MI ignoring predictions of bomb scares at the ground watched an unheralded Swedish midfielder strike a blow for the ordinary across the world.

For those 120 minutes. Pontus Kaamark played Salieri to Juninho's Mozart, shadowing him all over the pitch. Wherever the diminutive Brazilian took him,

United humbled Dublin strikes .

Kaamark followed, stifling, blocking, tackling, pushing, harrying, so that Juninho was thrown out of his

Barring one rash challenge in the 34th minute, which earned him a booking from Martin Bodenham, the referee, the timing of the Swede's interventions was impeccable. In the filst minute, he prevented his side going a goal down by glancing away a Ravanelli cross just as Juninho was about to nod it into the empty goal. By the end of normal time, the Brazilian was a picture of unhappiness, so frustrated that he

was booked for dissent. For some, perhaps, there is only ugliness in the neutralising of such a sublime talent, but there is nobility, too, in doing a job well and succeeding in the task even if, on this performance, at least, the Swede did not appear to have a creative bone in his body.

Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, may be criticised for trying to strangle a player of Juninho's ability but, ultimately, the onus lay on the Brazilian to shake his marker off. In the last meeting between these two clubs, at Flibert Street, Juninho ran the show for the back to Ravanelli, who lashed an beaten Liverpool and so pushed but defensive resistance and had not reacted quickest and street, Juninho ran the show for the back to Ravanelli, who lashed an beaten Liverpool and so pushed but defensive resistance and had not reacted quickest and street, Juninho ran the show for the back to Ravanelli, who lashed an Middlesbrough back into the FA created a chance all afternoon. force the ball into the net. completely that he had put the game the net.

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TOWN TOTAL



Robson, the manager, and the Middlesbrough bench show their frustration at another near miss at Wembley yesterday. Photograph: Raoul Dixon

out of their reach by half-time. O'Neill learnt his lesson, changed his tactics and nullified the threat.

Yesterday, Juninho managed to escape his shackles just once, when 94 minutes had already elapsed. He received the ball from Ravanelli on the edge of the area and wriggled past Kaamark deep in the crowded penalty area. The attention was so tight that the ball ran away from him, but his dribble had caused such panic in the Leicester defence that Lennon could only poke the bail back to Ravanelli, who lashed an

At last, after all their trials and tribulations this season, the docking of points for the postponement of their match at Blackburn Rovers last December, the dismay caused by Emerson's leaves of absence and Ravanelli's occasional carping on trips to Italy, it seemed that everything would be worth it. The courageous reliance of their manag-er, Bryan Robson, on style over substance seemed to have paid off.

But, as news filtered through from Anfield that Coventry City had

Middlesbrough relaxed a little, and Leicester forced their way back into the match.

Ravanelli had already missed a fine chance to open the scoring two minutes into extra time when he stabbed a curling cross from Beck straight into the arms of Keller. Earlier, in one of the game's only clear-cut chances of normal time, the Italy striker had seen his fine glancing header from Grayson's cross rebound to safety off a post.

Leicester, who had offered little Carling Premiership's bottom three, seemed incapable of capitalising on

their reprieve, but their spirit, as typified by Kaamark, saved them as he game entered the final furlong.

Three minutes from the end of extra time, with the Middlesbrough supporters chanting victory songs. Robins retrieved a blocked cross on the right-hand edge of the Middlesbrough penalty area and tried again. This time, his centre was headed back in by Walsh and then nodded on to the bar by Heskey. Claridge poked the ball back towards the goal line and Heskey reacted quickest and strongest to

stared at the ground in disbelief when the final whistle blew and Juninho, in particular, seemed in-consolable. Wrapped in a Brazil flag, he did not join in Middlesbrough's half-hearted lap of honour but stood forlornly in the centre circle instead. A week on Wednesday, when the teams meet again at Hillsborough for the replay,
Kaamark will be waiting for him.
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Extra mile ordered on long march towards cup honour



Ravanelli: dangerous

hen you have waited 122 years to win a cup of any signifi-as Middlesbrough have, or only 113 years, like Leicester, another ten days is the merest shift of sand. One hopes the crowd at Hills-borough on Wednesday week sees a better match than this. On a bright afternoon made for football the players were unable to provide very much

to savour. In the case of these clubs a oit of perspective helps. When Middlesbrough was founded in 1875 Gladstone was trying to pacify Ireland, and Wagner was completing the score of Götterdämmerung. Leices-ter's foundation in 1884 was overshadowed by news of Gordon fighting off the Mah-

Their winning of the old League Cup in 1964 can be discounted. The final was played over two legs in those days, and regarded as an amusement for those below the salt

Leicester were the relieved ones last night after Heskey scrambled a goal with two minutes left when there were more bodies on the goalline than in a Scottish taxi. The goal served as a useful commentary on the quality of the match, for there was precious little to enjoy by way of craft. Leicester had the best player in Parker, and Middlesbrough the most dangerous in Ravanelli, but apart from the goals there were few chances

Michael Henderson says replay crowd deserves better than yesterday's fare

It was a rum old day all round. First of all, to keep the crowd engaged or amused, there was a pick-up match between teams of low-grade "celebrities" who could barely raise a gallop. This, surely, is an abuse of Wembley. Once upon a time you had to earn the right to play there. endure this emotional ma-

Then there was a particularly feeble display of choreographed nonsense on the field, set to dealening pop music, for the benefit of Sky Television's live coverage. So by the time the teams emerged, to the firing of fireworks, the crowd had been whipped into the sort of stagemanaged frenzy Orwell described in 1984. Had nobody considered that, with Leicester making their first cup final appearance since 1969, and Middlesbrough at Wembley for the first time, the fans might be sufficiently excited without having to

nipulation? For the first half there was at least the prospect of an interesting match. Leicester are a limited team but in those opening minutes they passed the ball quickly and accurate-ly, and quite showed up their

nents. Parker settled immediately into the match, and moreover kept it up throughout the two hours, but neither he nor Lennon could really stir Claridge or Heskey into anything more threatening than nuisance value.

On their team spirit alone Leicester have already travelied far. Most neutrals, one feels, would like them to win the replay, if only for the way Martin O'Neill has confounded all expectations by keeping their heads above water in a season that was always going to be difficult. Players like Walsh and Whitlow have been around a long time. without having much to show for it. Now, if they keep their heads, they might.

days. They were denied victory when they thought they had done enough to win, and they left the field to hear that Coventry's win at Anfield had sent them back into the bottom three of the FA Carling Premiership.

At the end Emerson, that gifted midfielder, was busy spewing out his disenchant ment to anybody who would

One hopes that Leicester prevail but to do so they will have to keep as tight a watch as they did yesterday on Juninho, a player who has genuinely served the club. Ravanelli, of course, always needs watching. But there is no doubt they can do it.

SQUASH

Australian wins her fifth British Open title

By COLIN McQUILLAN

MICHELLE MARTIN. 29. from Australia, returned to he top of the women's game in Cardiff yesterday when she defeated her top-seeded com-patriot, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, the world champion, 9-5, 9-10, 9-5. 0-5 in the 66-minute final of the Leekes British Open

Championship.

It was Martin's fifth successive win in the game's greatest tournament and de-livered her promise of "setting the record straight" after losing the world title and No I spot to the 28-year-old Fitz-Gerald last year.

The defending champion proved the stronger at the end of each game and might have won in straight games had her fightback from 5-8 to 9-8 in the second not been stopped by a scintillating forehand by Fitz-Gerald at full stretch.

"This is more important than my first British Open win after losing the world title," Martin declared joyfully, after the best match of the Iournament.

The home interest was very much alive in the men's final scheduled for late last night Peter Nicol's progress from repeatedly jinxed British Open first-round failure to threatening finalist against Jansher Khan, the defending champion, at the Wales National Ice Rink yesterday, gathered fur-ther gloss on Saturday when, on his 24th birthday, he became the first Scottish finalist for more than 33 years. "Just reaching the British

Cardiff results

Open final is the greatest moment of my individual career," the left-hander from Inverurie said. For five years, Nicol had not survived the first round.

"I had come to dread the British Open." Nicol said after defeating the 29-year-old second-seeded Australian, Rodney Eyles, 5-15, 15-12, 17-14, 15-2, in a semi-final that lasted 76 minutes. "Now I am really enjoying it and thinking it could easily become my favourite tournament.

The manner of Nicol's advance to the final, and the opportunity of becoming the first British winner since Jonah Barrington defeated Gogi Alaudin at Abbeydale in 1973, would please any player.

Since then Geoff Hunt, of

Australia, has taken eight titles, Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, ten in a row, and Jansher Khan five in seven final appearances.

The 27-year-old Pakistani's approach to a sixth title was looking effortless until he ran into Ahmed Barada, 19, the seventh-seeded Egyptian, who stopped Australia's tired giantkiller, Dan Jenson, in a quarter-final that lasted just over 90 minutes.

Barada ran a rough, tough and talented assault against the defending champion. losing 13-15, 15-8, 15-8, 15-4, in 65 minutes that Jansher acknowledged may be a foretaste of what is to come. Eyies may now realise that his problems have already arrived in the shape of Nicol.

Olazabal closes on leaders

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW ORLEANS

GOLF

THE extraordinary form that tis continues, however, and he José Maria Olazabal has demonstrated since he returned from his enforced absence from tournament golf two months ago continued in the delayed third round of the Freeport McDermott Classic vesterday. Olazábal, having got up at

4.45am, birdied two of his remaining nine holes for a 67. He was ten under par after three rounds. Brad Faxon, the American Ryder Cup player, was 13 under and Kirk Triplett, a playing partner of Olazabal's, 12 under, with Scott McCarron, the defending champion, 11 under. A 68 took Jesper Parnevik to seven under par. Such has been Olazabal's form here that victory, in only his fourth tournament since his come-2 back, was a distinct

possibility. The heavy rain that had moved from Texas into Louisiana and limited play to less than three hours on Saturday had gone, to be replaced by a morning of startling brilliance and clear skies. Even so, having to play 27 holes in a day was not what Olazabal wanted. Playing well was proof that his recovery from suspected rheumatoid arthri-

accepted it with a shrug of his shoulders. "I would prefer to play only 18," he said before he began his final round. "Yesterday was a long day and today is a long day."
Though Olazabai's all-

round play remained good, his driving, which has always been his Achilles' heel, was erratic. He missed one fairway with his driver in his outward half on Saturday and four more with the same club yesterday. English Turn is a punishing test of golf, with greens that are hard to reach and flags that are not easy to get at from many parts of the greens. "I was hitting it left and right from the tee, everywhere except down the middle," Olazábal said.

The rest of his game was as sharp as a pin, particularly his putting. When Olazabal putts well, as he been here, his ball rolls across the green more smoothly than most other players'. From the moment it leaves the putter face it is possible to see that it has been truly struck, regardless of

whether it goes into the hole. Olazábal's birdie on the long 2nd came after he had driven into a bunker from the tee and put his second into a greenside bunker. Bunkers for him are not obstacles. His third stroke ended four feet away. He sank an eight-foot putt to save his par on the 6th and then, on the 8th, he rolled in a 35-footer that looked certain to end near the hole from the moment he struck it. From the moment that he

walked, in that distinctive way of his, towards the tee at Dubai to play the opening stroke of his comeback. Olazabal has been calm and low-key. It is as if the experiences he has gone through have matured him and made him less excitable. "I get less worked up than I used to," he admitted. "I do not get so cross with myself." It also means that, publicly

at least, his expectations are low. He said that he was surprised to win his third event, the Turespaña Masters. and that he did not expect to do very well here. This, at least, has to be taken with a pinch of salt. As he prepared to play the sixteenth round of his comeback he was 51 under par. Only two of those rounds had been over par. If this is what he meant when he said he did not expect to do well. goodness knows what will happen when he says he does.

METBALL

A conflict of interests for promising Percy

BEDFORD and Canterbury were the places to be for England's elite players this weekend. Liz Broomhead's seinternational squad joined their Under-21 counterparts for a training session at Kent University, while the Under-18s and Under-16s enjoyed a get-together at Bedford's De Montfort University ta Special Correspondent

In the days when De Montford University was a straightforward teacher training college, many of today's Under-los were at primary school but now many face a conflict of interests: netball or

Take Vicky Percy, the England Under-16 captain. She had to travel all the way to Bedford from her home in Newcastle to attend the training session.

Percy belongs to Tyneside's Wallsend netball club which is threatening to prove a conveyor-belt of talent comparable to the Walisend boy's football club which has produced a stream of leading players. including Peter Beardsley. But with GCSEs impending

and the netball season ap-

my exam work, especially French," she said. "I want to go to sixth form college next year but, of course, I will carry on playing netball.

"It's excellent being part of a team and really good fun travelling around. In 1996 there was a big end-of-year climax with an Under-16 tour of Australia. This year there is no tour, only training sessions. Australia was great; they play a much more physical game than us but once we adjusted to their style we won everything."

If Percy continues winning and eventually succeeds Fiona Murtagh, the England senior captain, the days when exams had to be juggled with circuit training will seem a breeze.

Murtagh gets up at 6.30am to travel from Essex to work as a London personnel officer all week, training every evening except Friday; Saturdays see her playing while Sundays are spent training or coaching. However, by the time Percy

reaches her twenties, netball might have emulated rugby union and turned professional. With lottery assistance, England's seniors should soon proaching a climax, Percy's be eligible for individual grants of up to £28,000 a year. loyalties are understandably



FOOTBALL

Derby's day as United fail to pay attention

Derby County3

BY PETER BALL

"ANY mistakes now, and you cut your own throat," Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, said on Friday afternoon. Twenty-four hours later, with a bit of help from Derby County, his team

proceeded to do just that. The result, deservedly, took Derby a huge step towards FA Carling Premiership survival, for their contribution to an astonishing, and ultimately thrilling, game was immense. Jim Smith, the Derby manager, won a tactical battle, manmarking everywhere. He played with two strikers wide to stop the United full backs. and his side produced all the unlikely heroes, from Paulo Wanchope, a Costa Rican who scored on his debut, to the unsung Paul Trollope.



Schmeichel: late error

Trollope almost joined Chesterfield. On Saturday, he was man of the match for his marking job on Cantona. while still finding the time to go forward and create some of Derby's better chances.

"We worked on a plan in training this week with Marco Gabbiadini being our Cantona," Trollope said. "He wasn't too pleased because I

Having Gabbiadini as his double might not please Cantona too much either, but on Saturday he, and United. had other problems. All the talk around Old Trafford recently has been of the possibility of having to play four games in eight days on the run-in, with its unhappy overtones of 1992, when United let the title slip from their grasp.

On Saturday, apart from his defence, the main target for Ferguson's ire was Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, who had been incautious enough to suggest that United

rather than appealing to the Premier League to extend the

memory, the shades of 1968 may be more appropriate. Then United frittered away a significant lead in the championship as the European Cup

loomed large in their sights.
In 1968, they at least won the bigger trophy. On Saturday's form, that would seem unlikely, but Ferguson put a brave face on things. "It might be a useful warning," he said. The high after that."

It certainly was not on Saturday. One of the best defences in the Premiership looked more like the worst and, in front of them, Keane was so subdued that he survived 90 minutes with David Elleray as referee without

United began brightly enough, but soon, as Trollope began to impose himself on Cantona, and Laursen on Giggs, the cracks began to

Ward scored one and missed twice as the defence just parted in front of him. "He scuffed his shot for the goal, he should have scuffed the other shots, too, and he'd probably have scored." Smith said. Wanchope ensured a memorable debut with a 60yard run without challenge. A third goal, and it would probably have been all over, but Ward's misses gave United breathing space.

As it was, United left the field at the interval to scattered boos. After 90 minutes, both sides deserved their standing ovation. United's recovery failed as Schmeichel's error gave Sturridge Derby's decisive third goal, but it was a glorious failure, producing as thrilling a 45 minutes as one

could wish to see. Van der Laan, Darryl Powell, McGrath and Trollope were heroic but, even so, United scored twice and Trolwhen you keep Cantona quiet the term is relative. The Frenchman escaped his attentions to score United's first and supplied the long ball, aimed for Cole, which McGrath deflected into Solskiaer's path for the second. Ultimately, however, it was still not quite enough.

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Wright dismisses Chelsea on the nod

Oliver Holt, football correspondent, on how the extravagance

IAN WRIGHT was trying out a new routine. The ball was in the back of the net, dispatched there emphatically by the Arsenal striker's left boot, and now he was walking towards the touchline, nodding his head quickly and repeatedly with a mannered expression on his face, milking the adoration of the away fans. "It's my Jamie Redknapp," he said afterwards, "It's my new one.

It's a good one. I might keep Wright's homage to his England team-mate, his impersonation of the Liverpool midfield player's reaction to start of his bravura performance at Stamford Bridge on Saturday. No matter how many goals he scores, how fast they keep flowing, he keeps finding new ways to

celebrate. Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, busy finding new ways to berate, said that Arsenal had waltzed through the London derby like a team playing an exhibition game and, although Bergkamp was sublime, a prosecutor and an executioner rolled into one. there was no doubt who the

of the evergreen striker stood out in a 3-0 Arsenal victory was given a last chance in place of Hughes but, just as they used to say Liverpool always won when lan Rush

midway through the first half, was his most obvious contribution. Zola, lacklustre after playing for Italy in the goalless draw with Poland last Wednesday, gave the ball away on the halfway line. Bergkamp swept a fine, firsttime pass between two deand he lashed it past Grodas from 20 vards.

going through his bag of

tricks as Arsenal kept their

slim hopes of winning the FA

The goal, Arsenal's opene

Carling Premiership alive.

His 27th goal of the season took him to within seven of the Arsenal career record held by Cliff Bastin, a record he could still equal or beat by the end of this campaign. At the start of the second half, though, he turned provider. squaring the ball across the face of the Chelsea goal in the 53rd minute for the unmarked Platt to side-foot into the net. After that, Chelsea, deplet-

ed by four suspensions and injuries to Leboeuf and Newton, wiited in the sun. Vialli

scored, now they observe that Cheisea always lose when the Italian striker plays. A fallen idol, he looked like a blunt

instrument compared with the rapier that was Wright. By midway through the second half, Wright, a player so keyed-up for games that he almost got into a fight with a ing up on the Wembley touch-line during the England-Mexico match, was indulging in a few party pieces, trapping one ball that fell awkwardly over his shoulder stone dead with one touch, attempting ambitious chips, waving to the Arsenal supporters chanting his name.

Amid all that, though, he chased back tirelessly, robbing the plodding Chelsea midfield time and time again as they stumbled forward. Six minutes from the end, after Bergkamp had completed Isea's misery by pouncing

on an aerial defensive mix-up to take the ball round Grodas and slide it into the net, Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, took Wright off to give Nicolas Anelka some brief league experience before confirming that the 34-yearold was an integral part of his

plans for the future. "lan will be a key player here as long as he performs well," Wenger said, "and I cannot think after what I saw by August he will not be able to run any more. He is a very speedy guy and even if he loses a yard of pace, he will still have good speed for some time to come."

Guilit, never a man to snare his charges, was contemptuous of the Chelsea players. He did not name names but Vialli, who had seen a shot rebound off a post in the closing minutes, was damned by implication and only Jody Morris, the young midfield player, and Dan Petrescu were excluded from the manager's cold fury.

"Everybody in the stadium was astonished about this performance," Gullit said. "It was humiliating. If I had played like this I would be ashamed of myself, but there were not enough of them who were angry about it afterwards.

They were going up to the Arsenal players in the centre circle and shaking hands and saying 'yes, thank you'. I could not believe it.

The younger players who came in for today's match needed some help, especially from key players, and they did not get it. They embarrassed Today was an opportunity for some players to show them selves, but now I have to make my conclusions from what I have seen, not only for the FA Cup semi-final next Sunday but for the future."

Vialli, it seems, may be on his way out. Wright is still on his way up.

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bunch of kids here." Dave Bassett, Forest's recently installed general manager, said. "They're all Premiership players and should be able to perform like them. Some of them didn't seem to be out there; we didn't show enough fight, enough bottle."

Bassett's arrival - intended to provide assistance and assurance for Stuart Pearce, the caretaker player-manager --has only added to the confusion, with several players privately and publicly voicing concern as to who is pulling the strings. Pressed on the subject. Bassett was categori-

"Stuart picks the team, does the coaching and does the tactics," he said. "I don't do any of that unless I'm asked. I'm the general manager: that's what I came here as and that's what I am. If a year down the line I don't like it,

matter whether it's me or Stuart who is in charge if we play like that. Even Terry Venables would struggle to do the job. I'm not a magician, I'm not Harry Houdini. They were in this mess before came here."

Forest are now in a deeper shade of mess, with confidence shattered and games running out. Magilton thrust another dagger to the heart in the eighth minute, when his swerving 30-yard shot deceived Crossley, and Southampton strode elegantly onwards. In a frantic finish, Evans capitalised on Pearce's poor backpass, Pearce atoned with a penalty, then Evans

At least Forest can look forward to April 15, when they play Mansfield Town in the Nottinghamshire County Cup semi-finals. Pearce, Bassett or the tea lady, whoever picks the side, should field the entire first team; it will give them a foretaste of what probably lies ahead next season.

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Kinnear powerless to ward off semi-final syndrome

Tottenham Hotspur 1 Wimbledon

BY BRIAN GLANVILLE

ARE we witnessing the gentrification of Wimbledon? A ream so long renowned for being abrasvive, combative, even provocative, were "as gentle as any sucking dove" at White Hart Lane on Saturday. The words, of course, are Bottom's and bottom, in the view of Wimbledon's manager, Joe Kinnear, was precisely what his team lacked.

"We didn't play at all, not at all," he lamented. "We would almost have been doing Tottenham a disservice if we had got away with a draw. I've got two or three thinking of Chelsea [in Sunday's FA Čup semifinal]. I told them I'm not accepting that. If that's going to be their attitude, they are not going to play against

He was especially irate about the goal with which Tottenham belatedly, but deservedly, won the game after 81 minutes, when Dozzell drifted across goal to glance home Sinton's left-wing corner. It was a very easy goal to defend against," Kinnear said.

Wimbledon's limp display was the more surprising in Tottenham team ravaged by injury, while Calderwood, who was on the bench, is awaiting a cartilage opera-tion. With the exception Ekoku, called up for international duty by Nigeria, Wimbledon put out a full team. Not aubstitute.

"I wanted them to stay on that pitch and work hard," he said. "Why should I make an easy option for them? They're getting paid to play. Whether they're playing the next time remains to be seen."

By contrast, Gerry Francis the Tottenham manager, was "happier" though he was entitled to feel disappointed that so little came from so many chances.

He may have had a point when he claimed that Nielsen was not offside when he volleyed home in the first half. Against that, though, when Sheringham brought a marvellous early save from Sullivan, Rosenthal may well have been offside.

In a largely arid first half. Tottenham made all the opportunites. Five minutes from the break, Nielsen's long throw from the right came straight back to him. He headed the ball into the goalmouth and Dozzell, threaten-



until four minutes from the Francis happy for Dozzell

against a post from where it bounced into the hands of a grateful goalkeeper.

In the first minute of the second half, Sheringham headed Austin's right-wing cross against the top of the bar. Francis reflecting that this was the eighteenth time that had happened to his team this season.

It took an hour before Wimbledon menaced Tottenham's goal, Leonhardsen finished a strong run with a pass that Holdsworth struck hard and true. Walker, alert despite his previous idleness, dived to turn the ball round the

Sinton, whose two previous long-range efforts had flown high and wide, now found the target with a drive that sprang out of Sullivan's arms before he held it at the second attempt. In the closing minutes, Rosenthal ran wild and free down the left and twice came close to scoring a goal.

Francis said he was pleased for Dozzell, who has taken much abuse from the crowd this season and seems set on escape when it and his contract end. "Everyone wants to be liked," Francis said. "Everyone wants to be the crowd's favourite, but that's not al-

The crowd have come round to Dozzell now, but it may be too late.

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Racist slur blamed for mass brawl

A TOUCHLINE punch-up. involving all 22 players, coaching staff and substitutes. soured Crystal Palace youths 1-0 South East Counties League second division win against Wimbledon at Palace's Mitcham training

ground on Saturday. The unsavoury incident happened just seconds after Palace's leading scorer, Clinton Morrison, had beaten Pat Jennings, son of the former Northern Ireland goalkeeper, to put the league leaders in

The fracas occurred on the touchline where Wimbledon's coaching staff were situated alongside supporters. It is believed it was sparked by a acist remark made to one of the Wirubledon playing staff. Palace officials, including

Peter Nicholas, the youth team manager and former Wales midfield player, followed the players across the field to the melée. Nicholas said afterwards: "I did not see the incident as I was on the other touchline when it started.

It took three minutes before order could be restored. The referee, Douglas Tooley, of St Paul's Cray, said he would seek guidance from the South East Counties League regarding any possible further action. Alan Leather, the League

secretary, said: "The referee was in charge of the game and if he does not make a report then the matter will be taken no further and there will be no inquiry." Palace's win keeps alive their hopes of a fourth successive league title.

Everton lose early sparkle after Watson's pep talk

Aston Villa Everton .

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

WHATEVER it was that Dave Watson said in his first halftime team talk as Everton's acting player-manager, he be well advised to change the script next time.

An even first half was followed by such a one-sided second period that Everton barely managed a shot in the entire 45 minutes, while Villa, who had looked unconvincing earlier in the match, could have doubled their final score. Watson has only six games to get it right, beginning on Wednesday when Leicester City visit Goodison. And while Everton are better-placed then some, and could plead, in mitigation, that they were down to their last 11 fit men at Villa Park, they dropped clos-

er to the FA Carling Premiership danger zone after this result on Saturday and came off looking dispirited and demoralised. It could all have been so different. Everton opened with a thirteenth minute lead when Unsworth hooked the ball in at the second attempt from Ferguson's header. They could already have been ahead. Stuart forcing Oakes into a

straight at the goalkeeper when Farrelly's back-pass sold Staunton short. The defence, however, always suggested there was a

superb, one-handed save after

Thomsen had dummied Fer-

guson's cross, then shooting

way through for Villa, espe-cially when Staunton's run and one-two with Draper gave to put right." Milosevic a good chance that

he squandered with an embarrassing air-shot. Perhaps Everton imagined that, if the Serb was in that sort of form, they need pay him no further attention. At any rate, five minutes before half-time, they failed to clear a corner and Milosevic was left unmarked

to head in.

Parkinson could have restored the lead late in the half, but shot wide: within ten minutes of the restart, the contest was over. First Staunton's free kick flew past Southall from 20 yards, then Farrelly's cross was headed down to Yorke, attended only by a team-mare - another dreadful piece of Everton marking - and his volley, although mis-hit, beat the unprotected Southall "We didn't react well to their second goal," Watson said. "Everything seemed to go a bit dead after they went 2-1 up.

Milosevic equaliser

and that's something we need Villa, in contrast, with

Milosevic now a man inspired and the visitors marking and passing sloppily, should have added to their lead several

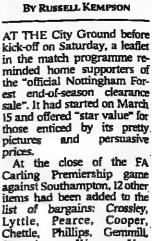
Comfortable for his team in the end, then, but Brian Little. the Villa manager, was not fooled. "It wasn't comfortable for 45 minutes," he admitted. "In their situation, conceding a goal knocks something out of you. Once we'd scored a couple, it could have been more, but I'm happy."

Cautious as ever, Little downplayed the significance of the weekend's scores for Villa's European ambitions. "We've had a lot of these days, when results have gone for us, then we've not responded in the next game," he said.
-Experience this season suggests we're quite capable of not following up this result. It's in our hands. If we don't qualify for Europe, it will be our

Watson had other priorities. "We've got to get today out of our minds and prepare for Wednesday," he said. The worst thing is if you sit and mope. We have the quality as long as more don't go down injured." And as long as he finds something different to say at half-time."

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Chettle, Phillips, Gemmil, Saunders, Woan, Van Hooijdonk, Haaland and Roy. It is unlikely there were any takers, even with discount. Forest were abysmal, appalling, atrocious - any derogatory adjective would suffice, but for a relatively spirited second-half showing, from the ashes of a dire firsthalf display, it would have

been total surrender. The Forest fans, long-suffering souls this season, could stomach no more. They left in droves well before the end. Southampton relied mostly on the complementary clones of Oakley, Berkovic, Slater and Magilton in midfield all hurry and scurry, hustle and bustle — and looked good. Had their approach play not broken down so frequently in

the last third of the pitch, Forest could have been swamped. "If we survive, it'll be because we've tried to play football," Graeme Sourcess, the Southampton manager, said. "We don't resort to humping the ball and chasing it. Whatever happens, I've still enjoyed it. I'm working with a bunch of very honest players

and you can't ask for more than that." Honesty, integrity, pride the prerequisites for any professional footballer, mon-strously paid or otherwise. Southampton have them in abundance and thus have a chance of preserving their topflight status, but Forest's players exhibit all the hallmarks of having prematurely accepted

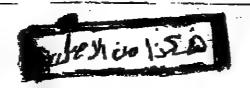
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FOOTBALL: COVENTRY IMPROVE PREMIERSHIP SURVIVAL HOPES WITH DRAMATIC VICTORY AT ANFIELD

Dublin exposes Liverpool's flaws

Coventry City

By DAVID MADDOCK

SHOULD Liverpool - despite themselves - somehow manage to win the FA Carling Premiership, it will be more a reflection of the paucity of real quality in English football than of their own pedigree, Liverpool, simply, have failed to assume the demeanour of champions, despite lurking around the head of the table for so long. What defines champions? Above

all it is the ability to win matches that matter, and Liverpool - the game against Arsenal at Highbury two weeks ago apart - have consistently failed to do that. Coventry City are a poor team, yet they left Anfield yesterday almost amused at the manner of a victory that takes them off the bottom and out of the relegation places.

Coventry had previously won three games away from home all season, scoring 13 goals in 16 matches. They came to Anfield without a win in eight matches, in search of a point, yet they survived a first half in which Liverpool created ten chances without looking like converting one of them, and when the home side did muster a goal, Coventry were allowed to step up a gear and reply with two. both the result of desperately poor defending. Although Steve

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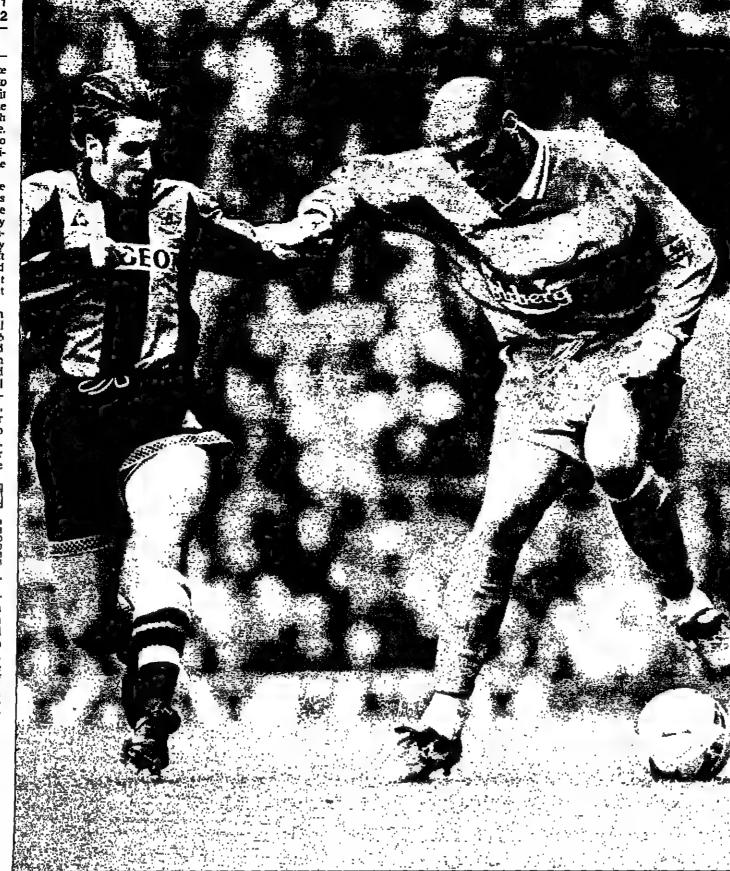
McManaman, their most influential player, was carrying a thigh injury, one word, spat out by a disgusted supporter as he trudged from the ground, summed up Liverpool's performance: spineless.

Roy Evans, the manager, spoke of poor defending and a lack of concentration. "We did everything right, had the chances, had the patience and then scored the goal," he said. "But we got caught out with two innocuous goals and you can't talk your way around that. It was just poor defending. It was a bit embarrassing because we had so much of the game."

Evans has paid a heavy price for failing to find an adequate reserve for Collymore. For too long the burden of attacking creativity has rested on the willing shoulders of McManaman and Fowler. When, as in this game, those two are subdued, there is little else.

It was not, as Gordon Strachan. the Coventry manager, pointed out, that Liverpool played badly, more that they failed to find the ruthless instincts required in these situations. "They were technically bril-liant in the first half and we couldn't hope to live with them." Strachan said, "but we stuck at it, and got something from set-pieces, which we work on it wasn't plan 'A, more like about plan G."

Evans was at a loss to explain how his side had once more failed to take a clear opportunity offered by Manchester United. "It's true,



Collymore, right, who squandered numerous openings for Liverpool, is challenged by Huckerby, of Coventry City, yesterday

they keep slipping up and letting us in, but we haven't taken those chances and it's very difficult to explain why," he said. At this rate it will be Arsenal who sneak in on the blind-side to steal the title.

The tone for this bizarre contest was set as early as the second minute when Fowler, quite superbly, found McManaman steaming forward, but the midfield player missed what, for him, should have been the simplest of opportunities. missed predominantly by Colly-

more — it appeared the same old story of a frustrating season for Liverpool. Desperation replaced composure in their passing and Coventry were on course to become the latest in a long line of lowerpositioned clubs to take unlikely

points from Antield. Ultimately they did, but not in the manner that was expected. Seven minutes after the interval. Fowler found a finish described as "world-class" by Strachan. Barnes produced a wonderful pass from midfield and the little forward unleashed a volley of such ferocity that it flew past Ogrizovic in the Coventry goal.

Liverpool, though, then showed a negligent disdain for the power of Coventry from set-pieces. The equaliser came after 65 minutes, when Dublin flicked on a corner from McAllister and Whelan was left unmarked within the six-yard box to steer his header into the net.

Even then, McManaman created a simple opportunity that Collymore somehow diverted over the crossbar. Berger, the substitute,

also missed from close range However, in stoppage time, James produced another of those poor decisions that undermine his goalkeeping. Coventry won a corner and James missed the ball at the near post to allow Dublin a simple tap-in.

When the mind wanders to lost opportunity

STEVE

McMANAMAN

wasn't even as if we played that badly against Coventry City, but once again we made exactly the same errors that have dogged us all season. We created chances - plenty of them - but failed to take them

and then gave them away at the other end. Two moments when our concentration slipped cost us the match. But, really, we should have had the game sewn up a long time before Coventry had even threatened our goal, I missed an opportunity early in the game and that seemed to set a pattern because we lost count of the number of chances that we missed. There can be no other explanation, It is not bleating, but we had no luck

whatsoeyer. That is not an excuse. because there can be no excuses after losing in such a Manchester

United's sur prise defeat the day before had allowed us an unlikely opportunity and we failed to take it. That is not the happened and we cannot afford to keep on doing it if we

are to entertain any hopes of winning the championship. If we win all our remaining games, then we will be champi-ons, so all is not lost. But we

cannot afford to play like that again and make any more mistakes this season. There was a tremendous sense of disappointment in the dressing-room afterwards. We knew that we had thrown away a giorious opportunity. But then we also knew that Coventry would be fighting for their lives.

because we have faced so many

of the bottom clubs who respond in the same position. It is indicative of the way our season has gone and also of the quality that there is within the Premiership. Even the sides at the bottom can give you a game because, while they may not be able to match us in quality, they have plenty of spirit as there is

so much at stake. I remember last season when we put Manchester City down by drawing with them on the last day. There were tears in their dressing-room and they were simply devastated after that match. It illustrates how

much is at stake. Coventry knew that their Premiership status depended on this result and there was pressure on them. It is a different type of pressure, but it seems to create a sense of desperate spirit

It's strange how so many teams at the bottom suddenly start winning at this stage of the season. Who could possibly have bet against both Manchester United and Liverpool losing this weekend? I'll bet that the odds were tremendous on that particular double. But the point is, the sides at the bottom have a stark choice. They have to win, there are no more opportunities after this

The same can now be said of us and I just hope that we can finally learn the lesson that has eluded us so far this season. At least we had a normal kick-

off time against Coventry, if not the traditional day on which to play the game, which makes a

change. I can't remember the last time we played at 3pm on a Saturday and it doesn't seem we will do it again this

We have played on Sundays, Mon-

days. Thursdays and kicked off at 4pm, 5pm, 8pm 11.15am, which is ludicrous.

another coming up at that early hour and it is the most disruptive timing of all the changes that can be made to the fixture list.

I watched Chelsea play

Arsenal at that time on Saturday with some interest and it was clear that for the first 15 minutes or so neither side got going properly. They were obviously iffected by the morning kick-off

Why? Well, we played at 11.15 against Manchester United at Old Trafford and it can be very disruptive. They have switched our game at Anfield against them to the morning as well and, for the life of me, I can't see why. We have played United hundreds of times down the years at 3pm and there have been few problems.

Why this season do we have to play probably our two biggest games at such an unnatural time? It is disruptive because, tor a start, you have to get up a 7am and then eat your prematch meal at least three or four hours before the kick-off. That means dragging yourself out of bed bleary-eyed and then tuck-ing into chicken, pasta, fish, steak or whatever.

At least the other kick-off times, when they are fiddled with, are later so it doesn't affect the routine too much. Mine is ripped up and thrown away when I play early.

CALLING ALL FOOTBALL FANS!

Newcastle frailty exposed by evergreen Waddle

Newcastle United1 Sunderland1

BY DAVID MILLER

AFTERNOON that should alarm Kenny Daiglish. The worry on Saturday was less that his Newcastle side dropped two points in their beal derby, than that for much of the time they were indistinguishable from Sunderland, whose all too modest season has left them close to relegation. A point for them was precious indeed.

It was a bad March for Newcastle: four defeats, including two by Monaco, plus a draw with Wimbledon and a single victory over struggling Coventry. The start of April was to prove not much better for this club bursting with ambition. For more than half the match they were a goal down, until rescued II minutes from time by the one accurate swing from the right boot of Valan Shearer, found loitering

with intent. "He has a gift," Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, lamented. Wherever he is in the penalty area, the ball comes to him." Limited in range though this gift may be - rather as was the devastating Gerd Muller's - it has made Shearer personally worth millions. said now to be in double

figures. On this occasion, returning after a three-week, six-match absence for another groin operation, and doggedly shadowed by Ord, he did not look worth even the interest on El0 million. Many players returning too early after a layoff shelter their lack of fitness behind touches of finesse. Shearer does not have finesse

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unless shooting, and not always then. Five minutes after Michael Gray had put Sunderland in front on the halfhour. Shearer, breaking free on to a fortuitous bounce, had only Perez to beat. All he could manage was to rap the ball again the advancing goalkeeper. The Toon Army's grown could be heard at Roker.

Shearer, in any reasonable team, is likely to score the goals to make them trophy contenders. The problems for Dalglish lie elsewhere. Injury to Howey and suspension for



Shearer: scoring return

Albert now emphasised the continuing inadequacy of Newcastle's rearguard, which would sometimes have difficulty defending a nice pudding.

Kevin Keegan who achieved so much but won nothing, was let down by his defenders, not to say his system. Dalglish is trying to change the system, which has not made him popular. He will certainly have to alter the personnel. Trophy-winning teams have to be able to play football from the back, and Newcastle have defenders unsure of passing

mind positional vulnerability often exposed by Sunderland

Then there is the matter of midfield. Lee, replaced by Clark after half an hour, and Batty are essentially engine drivers, not signalmen. Guile tends to come from Ginola or Gillespie on the flanks. On Saturday, Sunderland's five in midfield were often quicker than their opponents in applying either brain or brawn, to the dismay of frustrated home supporters.

The inspiration for Sunderland was Waddle, as lackadai-sical and infuriating as ever. He must have given psychological stress to innocent thousands during his career. Yet, he remains capable of turning a game with one touch.

The crowd booed this onetime hero vigorously from the kick-off, but that did not prevent him, in his first Tyne-Wear encounter at the age of 36, from being, in my opinion, the man of the match.

On either flank, he made Elliott or Barton look the second-division players they would have been 20 years ago. and it was his jinking crossfield run that opened the way for Gray to cut inside and beat Hislop from the edge of the penalty area.

Newcastle's wasted chances in the first half meant that spirited Sunderland might have gone further ahead be-fore Shearer snatched his morsel as Elliott headed down Ginola's cross.

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SUNDERLAND (4-5-1)* L Perez — G Hall, L
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Tide turns against Burns as Celtic seek to regroup

ailure can be so meek. At full time on Saturday. the woe of the visiting team that had just drawn 1-1 with Raith Rovers did not seem extravagant. Even in the stands at Stark's Park, where the Celtic supporters, as a matter of protocol, yelled a little abuse at their unreliable team, there was no sign of insurrection.

Yet the past few weeks might have been planned as an incitement to rage. Celtic, through Paolo Di Canio, had taken the lead in the 88th minute, but could not summon up enough resilience to sustain them for a couple of minutes and conceded an equaliser to David Craig. With this result they have now taken just two points from their past four matches.

Accordingly, a Rangers side that is slightly less accident-prone requires only four points more to win the Bell's Scottish League premier division title for a ninth sucessive season. Celtic's performance has slumped just when the rewards on offer have soared. They lag nine points behind Rangers, but had an opportunity to cut the gap to two in the Old Firm game three weeks

Celtic, of course, lost that afternoon. If the fans could not summon up anger on \$aturday, it was because they have long since ceased to be surprised. Having witnessed deleats by clubs such as Motherwell and Kilmarnock. the disbelief that lies behind fury is no longer available to

In the absence of uninhibited emotion, there is discussion of the changes now required. Celtic may yet win the Tennents Scottish Cup, but



commentary disappointment will not be dispelled by that. Fergus McCann, the chief executive, has already confirmed that a review will take place in the close season.

This tends to be taken as a euphemism for the dismissal of the manager and some argue that Tommy Burns, as an act of compassion, should have his position clarified immediately. However, if Burns was to be told this week that he is to be dismissed, McCann would be accused of throwing the club into confusion when there is still the Cup to play for.

It is alleged that the speculation has sapped morale, but the side was just as capable of ramshackle performances when there was not a dispute to be heard. In any case, Celtic's appraisal will entail far more than a snap judgment of the manager and it would be conducted with greater efficiency in the serenity of summer.

Sifting the evidence will require time, for a serious defence of Burns can be mounted. In his first season. with the poor team he inherited, the 1995 Scottish Cup was won, in the second, no trophies were collected, but Celtic lost only one league match in matched by any other side in Europe.

At that point, it seemed as if Celtic, having been rescued from bankruptcy by McCann in 1994, were making irresistible progress. In attempting to make the final adjustments, though, Burns has discovered how tormenting his job can be. For the most part, the £15,5 million spent on players has been used wisely, but a substantial talent can overbal ance a side.

Di Canio has had a fine season and deserves no blame whatsoever, but his thrilling and eccentric gifts have never been wholly assimilated. Players who contributed to creating an effective pattern a year ago now seem to have become bystanders who merely admire the individualism of the

There have been disappointments of a more conventional nature for Burns as well. Alan Stubbs, signed from Bolton Wanderers for a club record fee of £3.5 million last summer, can produce pieces of adept play to demonstrate his abilities, but the centre half has proved surprisingly ineffective in his primary task of preventing opponents from scoring.

Celtic are right to be concerned over their personnel their organisation and the lack of resolve shown at crucial moments. They may decide to alter the nature of Burns's job and bring in, above him, an experienced general manager from the Continent, but the deliberations will be those of a chastened club. Celtic have learnt that it is easy to improve, but very difficult to



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(Replay at Helinborough or 7 45pm)

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FOOTBALL: VICTORY OVER QPR CONFIRMS WANDERERS' RETURN TO PREMIERSHIP AFTER ONE-YEAR ABSENCE

Lofty ambitions realised on Bolton's big day

ROOTED to the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership. 21 defeats already endured, relegation inevitable. Bolton Wanderers played Cheisea exactly one year ago today. Ruud Gullit jogged lazily onto the Burnden Park pitch to warm up before the kick-off. As he approached the Burnden Terrace, the stand containing Bolton's most vociferous and partisan supporters, he was greeted by a spontaneous round of applause. Surprised, he tossed back his dreadlocks, raised his arm and acknowledged their generosity of

This was the England of the myth: a country of gentlemen where hearts were warm and sportsmanship intact after a season of wretched defeats. Magnanimity in defeat is a glorious quality and it is right and proper that it should be copiously rewarded. A year on, a 2-1 victory

against Queens Park Rangers secured Bolton's promotion from the first division of the Nationwide League on Saurday. They need just two points from their last five matches to become champions. It is a testimony to Bolton's magnificent season that they should celebrate promotion with a month of the campaign remaining. They have lost just four times in 4l league games and have scored three or more goals on 13 occasions.

The promotion party was everything, with the match a mere incidental, which was appropriate for a nondescript game. Television cameras roamed the club car park in search of a flat cap with a quote and the giant um of tea in the press room was empty

an hour before the kick-off. As usual, the master of ceremonies was the club's mascot, Lofty the Lion. Sassy and spry, he has few peers in the modern game and his agents may face a busy close season deflecting offers from boyant touch. Watching a

Mark Hodkinson on a joyous afternoon of sportsmanship and wild celebrations

man pretending to be a lion pretending to be Freddie Mercury has a remarkably warming effect on a chilly, windy day in the North West.

Queens Park Rangers, who might themselves still secure a play-off place, did not suc-cumb to the mood of levity and promptly scored an excellent goal. Morrow collected the ball a good distance from Bolton's penalty area and, within the blink of an eye, it was in the net. Once more the crowd was privy to Bolton's famous philanthropy. "A lovely goal by QPR, scored by No 6, Morrow," the match announcer said. There was enthusiasm in his voice, as if seeing this piece of skill - by a member of the visiting team had actually given him

Wembley stalemate Liverpool stunned

Bolton equalised before half-time when Blake's shot was parried and Fairclough stabbed home from close range. The party was back on and Lofty was already dancing on the touchline ready for his interval histrionics. The win, and promotion, were confirmed when McGinlay deflected a shot by Thompson beyond Sommer.

At the final whistle, not a single Bolton supporter ran onto the pitch and this allowed the players and fans to celebrate unfettered. Thompson, sporting a T-shirt reading "We're up and we know we are", danced wildly with Blake, while Taggart careered into Lofty and wrestled him to the ground. This was not a reticent, self-conscious affair. it was il men gone mad, not to mention the substitutes, man-

-paraded in their suits - and pretty much the whole town. The sun stubbornly refused to shine. A thick buttress of cloud remained steadfast above the floodlights and the wind whistled through the old stadium. Anything else would have been unbecoming: Bolton had to win promotion in

Bolton weather.
Lofty joined in the lap of honour and staggered as he took pretend sips from bottles of champagne. "I've never seen a lion drunk before," the announcer said before revealing that Manchester United had lost to Derby County. "Oh, our cup spilleth over," he

added quickly.

Queens Park Rangers
played their part admirably and adopted the sportsmanship of their hosts. Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, was congratulated by every Rangers player as they left the pitch and a group of about 40 QPR supporters remained on the terraces to witness the lap of honour. They applauded warmly as the Bolton players possed. At such moments, the world can seem a better place.

Afterwards, it seemed churlish to ask, but someone had to. and Todd already had an answer prepared. Did he feel that Bolton were better equipped to survive in the Premiership than they had been last time? "Let's enjoy the moment," Todd replied." talk about that later." It was said without a hint of rancour. Bolton truly, madly, deeply enjoyed their moment. Tomorrow can wait.



The party begins as McGinlay acclaims the goal that beat QPR. Photograph: Lawrence Griffiths / Allsport

agement team, squad players Big bad Wolves are still knocking at Premiership door



McGhee: confident

Wolverhampton W Norwich City ...

BY RICHARD HURSON

THE season's biggest certainty was realised on Saturday when Bolton Wanderers confirmed their passage into the FA Carling Premiership. Quite who will join them is becoming narder to call by the week.

A theory that Wolverhampton Wanderers would romp away with the second automatic promotion slot in the Nationwide League first divi-sion once they edged ahead of Barnsley was thoroughly debunked when they took a single point from four games. Simultaneously, the

Yorkshire club moved clear. Yet the capacity for any side in the first division to squander an opportunity cannot be underestimated. Success against Norwich City on Saturday took Wolves to within a point of Barnsley, who lost at home to Birmingham City. How many more twists and turns can the season

Mark McGhee, the Wolves manager, said: I think the biggest hindrance to going up will be ourselves. At the start of the season ! thought the goals from Bull, Goodman and Roberts would guarantee us promotion. It has not happened like that but, if we win four of our last five games, I think we will go up." In reality, Wolves have relied on Bull as much as ever. Victory secured in his absence through suspension was all the more pleasing. Goodman produced what McGhee felt was his best performance for the club, while Roberts, standing in for Bull, scored the winning goal 12 minutes from the

end of a capricious encounter. Wolves went ahead in the nineteenth minute when Thomas fol-lowed in a shot from Goodman that Gunn had palmed into his path. Goodman created the second goal. too; create being the operative word. He appeared to have ridden a tackle Bradshaw in the penalty area and if his eventual fall was not quite ten yards after the challenge, as suggested by Mike Walker, the Norwich manager, then Bradshaw

still had good reason to fume as Curle converted the penalty with 35 minutes gone.

The visitors deserved better for their adventurous approach and went level courtesy of two goals in the three minutes before half-time. Wolves' defensive failings were exposed when Eadie was allowed to head a cross from Sutch towards the unmarked Broughton, who volleyed in from four yards at the far

It does not take much for panic to set in at Molineux, in the stands or on the pitch. Each stray pass was met with a loud groan, until Kevin Lynch. the referee, became the focus for frustration. He judged that Roberts had pushed Newman, awarding a

second dubious penalty of the afternoon. Adams sent Stowell the wrong way. The break could not have been more timely.

Thereafter, the pace of Gilkes troubled Norwich. Equally, Eadie, the best prospect in the division, threatened when the home team were caught surging forward. Both sides needed more than a draw. Twice, Roberts miscued from close range, but he sealed victory at the third attempt when he slid in to meet a RECEMPT WHEN HE SIZE IN TO THEER & COTOSS TOOM FERGUSON ON the left.
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Gloucester in driving seat after goalless stalemate

Dagenham and R0 Gloucester CityD

By WALTER GAMMIE

THE FA Umbro Trophy semi-finalists managed only one goal between them on Saturday — Rob-in Taylor's first-minute strike at Kingfield that Woking will take with them to Stevenage Borough for the second leg of their all-Vauxhall Confer-

ence tie on Saturday. Goals never looked like coming at Dagenham's Victoria Ground as an unruly wind played havoc with the best laid footballing plans. Suffice it to say that, as the subdued home supporters filed out, it was Gloucester's noisy band in the 2,077 crowd that stayed to cheer the applause of thanks from Leroy Rosenoir and his

Their good humour was improved by a Dr Martens League scoreline, gleaned from local radio and delivered over the public address, after a friendly twist of the arm from Keith Gardner, the visitors' chairman, of "Nuneaton Borough I Cheltenham Town 0" that improved Gloucester's Conference ambitions.

Gloucester produced the one moment that taxed a goalkeeper when Watkins met a free kick by McGrath from the touchline with a firm header that Gothard tipped over the bar. Dagenham, of the icis League, could, other-wise, take comfort from the rock-solid barrier supplied by the experienced Creaser and Conner at the heart of their defence.

In well-matched teams, effectively mixing old heads with young legs, the first-half duel between Pratt and Burns, the Gloucester captain, was outstanding. Honours were even, but it was Pratt, son of a famous Tottenham Hotspur father, teed up by Naylor, nephew of a famous Tottenham father, who delivered Dagenham's best chance.

Rogers, who had initiated the sweeping crossfield move with Double, arrived in time to meet Pratt's perfect cross in front of a yawning goal, but some-how failed to connect.

The place in the final at Wembiey on May 18 remains well and truly up

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Barcelona cruise to victory

BARCELONA boosted their hopes of taking Spain's second European Champions League place yesterday when they brushed aside Sporting Gijon 40 to move two points clear of third-placed Real Betis, who could only draw 2-2 at home to Racing Santander.

Barcelona, who are now within six points of the leaders, Real Madrid, who face Compostela today, cruised to victory with goals from Ivan de la Pena, Juan Pizzi and the Brazilians, Giovanni and Ronaldo.

Español pulled out of the danger zone with a 1-0 win away to their fellow strugglers, Rayo Vallecano, while Valencia crashed 4-1 away to Valladolid, prompting specu-lation that lorge Valdano, their coach, could be sacked. Parma moved closer to-

wards a place in the European Cup for the first time, with a 3-0 home win over Sampdoria. Two goals by Hernan Crespo and one from his fellow Argentine, Nestor Sensini, nightened Parma's grip on second place in Serie A and automatic entry into the Champions' League next

Carlo Ancelotti's side enjoy a four-point lead over thirdplaced Bologna, 3-2 winners at home to Reggiana, and Internazionale, who were held to a scoreless draw at Fiorentina. The win could breathe new life into a title race that has been dominated by Juventus. Cagliari gained vital points in their battle against relegation with a 2-1 win over Roma.

Bournemouth left to take poor view of struggle for survival

Peterborough United 3 Bournemouth

By KEITH PIRE

THIS game very nearly did not take place at all and those who saw it would be stretching a point to say that a thing of great natural beauty had been saved for the nation. But when the local radio man from Bournemouth conducts his pre-match interview with the club's receiver, and when the home team still rates & at the turnstile almost as important as three points on the pitch, it is clear that sporting excellence has long since given way to survival as the Saturday raison d'être.

At the turn of the year both these clubs were in crisis, but Peterborough (debts £2.8 million, long-term prospects bleak) found their salvation in a local philanthropist with deep-pan pockets who had made his dough from the pizza business. Bournemouth debts £4.8 million, long-term prospects even bleaker) may yet be saved by the refusal of a handful of supporters to accept closure as inevitable and the discovery of a hitherto

undetected passion for football in Dorset. Football on the brink, or more false alarms? It is not the latter, according to Barry Fry, and he should know - he has twice mortgaged his house to help his club to stave off the creditors. Managing in the football basement when Aldershot and Maidstone United went out of business

that the grass roots of the game could yet wither under the strongest pesticide of all:

Most clubs are into the banks for vast sums of money," the Peterborough manager said, after watching his side win the battle of two of the Nationwide League second division's endangered species. "If one bank closes one football club, then that bank will close a dozen or 15



Fry: threat from banks

frightening thing.

"I know the Premiership is and the rest go part-time, and phone call away from trouble.

five years ago, Fry believes maybe half the first division as well. It's horrific."

> Alex Ferguson and his ilk, but to Mel Machin, who has conjured a run of six wins and five draws in 14 games while Bournemouth have been on the brink of oblivion. "He has been brilliant, a god, to keep the pressure off the players and get those results," Fry said, "I am a football-lover and I am sure I speak for everybody in the country when I say I am delighted the club looks like being rescued." Nothing could save

fight against relegation.

overnight, and that is the

etting bigger and richer, but the beauty of our game is that we have four divisions and a healthy [Vauxhall] Conference. We won't improve the game if half the clubs close there are 75 per cent of clubs in the bottom two divisions who are one bank manager's

Fry's vote for manager of the year, therefore, goes not to

Bournemouth on Saturday in a game so wretched - in the first half at least - that killing off lower-division football clubs suddenly seemed a worthwhile ambition. Rawlinson equalised with the goal of the game from 30 yards after Clark had given Peterborough a 48th-minute lead. but two goals in three minutes, from DeSoura and Otto, prolonged United's unlikely

Peterborough's last three games are against the top three sides in the division. Bournemouth, whose trustees are confident that they will survive yet another windingup order on May 15, perhaps have more reason for short-

term optimism. PETERBOROUGH UNITED (4-4-2): B

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Molby's warning falls on deaf ears

Lincoln City4 Swansea City

BY PAT GIBSON

SWANSEA City could have been forgiven if they had popped into the great cathe-dral on the hill before they set off back to Wales on Saturday night and offered a quiet prayer that they do not have to meet Lincoln City in the playoffs for promotion from the Nationwide League third division.

It must have seemed like an awful possibility, after a run of four wins and a draw had been brought to a shuddering hait by a team playing a kind of football that is in stark contrast to the philosophy preached by Jan Molby, their

player-manager.
Lincoln follow the gospel according to John Beck, that unashamed proponent of the fast, robust, direct style, and on a day made for kite flying and aerial bombardment, they simply overpowered Swansea to move within two points of the play-off places.

Swansea were unable to say that they had not been warned. Molby had told his players precisely what to expect and instructed them not to try to take Lincoln on at their own game, but his words had fallen on deaf ears.

"The most important thing when you are playing against teams like this is to get the ball down and knock it about," Molby said, "but we did not do that. We played three centre backs to deal with their long balls, but every time one of them won it, they just kicked it as far as they could."

The pattern was set from the start. Lincoln immediately rained balls into the Swansea penalty area and the tactic paid off in the eighteenth minute. O'Leary struggled to control a bouncing ball after one of Barnett's innumerable long throw-ins and Alcide got boot in to loop it over Freestone and into the net.

For a while it looked as though Swansea might be able to play their way back into the game, but they were doomed when they conceded a penalty in the 56th minute. Edwards brought down Ainsworth, who got up to shoot fiercely past Freestone.

forced the ball in after Freestone had saved from Alcide and Brown had hit the underside of the bar, and then Ainsworth made the best goal of the lot in the 74th minute when he tore down the right and put over a low cross that Stant flicked in.

jubilant. "We outfought them, we out-thought them and we outplayed them, " he said. Molby remained philosophical. There is no right way or wrong way of playing foot-ball," he said. "John Beck plays his way. I play a different way."

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Rees stings Bath with last-minute conversion

Bath By DAVID HANDS

RUGRY CORRESPONDENT

JEREMY GUSCOTT, the sole British Lion from Bath, did everything that one man could possibly-do to win this Courage Clubs Championship match at Loftus Road yesterday. Yet, in the final seconds, Gareth Rees kicked an angled conversion that left Wasps

with a share of the spoils. If there was a winner yesterday, it was Leicester, who edged closer to Wasps, the eaders, by virtue of the point dropped by the London club and the two games they have in hand. Yet Leicester will count no chickens: tomorrow they visit Kingsholm to play

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Gloucester and, on Saturday, they visit the Recreation Ground, Bath.

"The point keeps us on track," Rob Smith, the Wasps coach, said. "Leicester have a hard schedule of midweek games, we have to focus ourseives. We didn't perform up to our standard yet we have come away with a point.

Now we have regular Saturday games and we have to get back up to standard. Our first job is to win our remain-

ing four games. Bath left London intensely disappointed. Guscott's first try had edged them ahead 11-9 at the interval, the centre sent Adebayo over for the second and the same combination accounted for Guscott's third, from all of 70 metres, which looked to have won the match with five minutes remaining.

touch. Five penalty goals were embellished by a conversion from a wide angle after King finally cracked the Bath defence in the 83rd minute of the game. Such is the virtue of experience, yet Rees is not only a scoring machine; his attacking vision as the game slipped away proved equally significant for Wasps as they showed the depth of character that now exists in their team.

They could even argue though they did not - that Bath scored their first try with 16 men on the field. There was a tacit assumption by Wasps that Catt would kick at goal from a penalty awarded 20 metres from the posts and Harrison, a Bath replacement, was running on with the kicking tee as Catt tapped to himself and sent Guscott to the line with Wasps gathered

underneath their own posts.

Bath's alertness was in evidence again when Adebayo crossed for the second try. Catt suffered a cut mouth during the build-up and Callard, a specialist goal-kicker, came smartly off the bench as a blood replacement to kick the tricky conversion, then promptly resumed his place on the touchline. The regulations have nothing to say on this subject and Bath's tactical awareness is to their credit.

The second half was riddled with such controversy. Wasts believed that Guscott's kick behind their defence had hit the touchline before Adebayo kicked on and Guscott gathered to score at the posts.

Even at the end, Bath looked to have kept their gritty opponents at arm's length. Henderson was hurled into the corner and, though Wasps won the lineout, Dallaglio was held up and Bath awarded the scrum on their own line. The clearance would have been all but sufficient, but Hilton was judged to have dropped the front row and Wasps took advantage of the lifeline: King



De Glanville, the Bath captain, tries to keep Henderson at arm's length during the draw with Wasps yesterday

and White were held on the initial thrust from the tapped penalty but, from the maul, King slipped over on the short

It was such a change of complexion from the opening quarter of a match played in front of 10,500 supporters, who imparted a genuine atmosphere to the occasion. Ten minutes of high-speed, high quality rugby produced Rees's first penalty, but then the

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match lapsed into error from which it did not recover.

Catt's two penalties gave Bath the lead; King levelled with a dropped goal and Rees wrenched the lead back for Wasps before Guscott's first tour de force. The ambitions of both sides never faltered but the accuracy of their play did. and Bath owed a huge debt to Lyle for recycling sufficient ball to allow them to sustain their positive play.

Adebayo increased Bath's lead, but three successive penalties from Rees put Wasps back on level terms with eight minutes remaining. Two sea-sons ago, both sides might have settled for the draw, but now such thoughts were conspicuous by their absence; Guscott scored at one end, but then could only sit disconsolate, on the hoardings at the other as Rees kicked the conversion to draw the match.

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Gala cup run comes to a juddering halt

Watsonians

By MARK SOUSTER

TRADITIONS and family allegiance to town and club run deep in the Borders, none more so than at Gala where generation has followed generation into the rugby club.

Three Patersons, two nephews and the son of Duncan. the Scottish Rugby Union's convener of rugby, were in the squad, alongside two Chang-lengs and two Dalgleishs. It is a sign of the times, though, that the club has to rely on home-grown talent because there is little or no money to invest in players.

That is why a run in the cup is a lifeline to the likes of Gala, whose fortunes are in decline after relegation to the second division last season and a subsequent exodus of players. In the last round they surprised everybody by winning at Currie, but only in patches did they look capable of repeating that success yesterday.

In the opening minutes i looked as if Watsonians would walk away with this fifthround tie of the SRU Tennents Cup, at Netherdale. Gala seemed in awe of the beaten finalists of last season and, after Duncan Hodge kicked a penalty goal from 40 metres in the second minute, Watsonians scored a try of simplicity. They worked a back-row move from a scrum in midfield and quick passing found Gordon Hannah in space. He cantered down the flank, drew the full back and provided Iain Sinclair with a try on a plate. Then, as Watsonians are

prone to and as they did in the cup final last year when squandering a 15-point lead. they lost concentration. A speculative kick by Boland. the scrum half, should have been taken comfortably by David Giles. The hapless full back, who looked frail under the high ball, missed it completely and Chris Dalgleish ran in unhindered from the 22. Chris Paterson, Duncan Paterson's nephew, converted and, suddenly, self-belief coursed through Gala. Although their attacks were limited, the half backs kicked

judiciously for territorial gain,

squandered by erratic throw-ing in at the lineout by Thomson, who had difficulty finding his jumpers.

Giles was identified as a weak link and was repeatedly peppered with high balls by Paterson, not all of which he dealt with confidently. One towering effort landed on the Watsonians' line, Giles dropped it and only just recovered to prevent a try.

Watsonians regathered and with Garry and Mayer punching holes in the flimsy Gala defence, which also struggled around the fringes, Wats-onians threatened to add to their try count. However, all they managed was two further penalties by Hodge in the tenth and fourteenth minutes, with Paterson, the stand-off half, replying for Gala. That made the score 10-14 and when Paterson hit an upright with another penalty attempt after 34 minutes, Gala's resistance

Melrose, the favourites, will play West of Scotland in the quarter-finals of the SRU Tennents Cup after the draw was made yesterday.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: Peebles v Henot's FP; West of Scotland v Melrose; Kirkcaldy v Dundee; HSFP Boroughmus v Watsonians. Ties to be played on April 20.

was effectively over. Watsonians added another try by Mayer, converted by Hodge, and they could breathe more easily.

The second half was embarrassingly Watsonians scored five tries in the third quarter, through White, Burns, Henderson, Kerr and Giles, who looked far more impressive in attack and ran in from 50 metres. Fitzgerald, the prop, then added another before Swan barged his way over for Gala. SCORERS: Gale: Tries: C Dalgleish, Swen.
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RUGBY LEAGUE: ST HELENS SCRUM HALF MAKES COMFORTABLE RETURN

Goulding enjoys Paris in the spring

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FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

BOBBIE GOULDING celebrated his return to the St Helens team on Saturday by leading them to a comprehensive win over a disappointing Paris side. Goulding has been kicking his heels for two months after receiving a six-match ban for a high tackle in the Challenge Cup tie against Wigan_

"It was a bit strange," the St Helens captain said after this largely one-sided contest. "My timing was out a bit, which is understandable. That will come back over the next few weeks as I keep training and working with the lads."

The scrum half believes it will take three or four games for him to get back to his best, so he should be there or thereabouts for the meeting with Bradford Bulls in the Challenge Cup final, at Wembley on May 3.

to shed the tag of being a oneman team. Lee Briers, his understudy for those six matches, performed admirably and, although he did not even make the substitutes' bench here, the club knows that the teenager has become an important part of the

Despite Goulding still feel-ing his way. St Helens possessed far too much power and pace for a Paris outfit that included two Frenchmen in their predominantly Australian team for the first time this season. Fabien Devecchi appeared on the wing and Pierre Chamorin at loose forward.

Fittingly, it was Chamorin who scored their only try just before half-time to bring the home side fleetingly back into contention. St Helens had rattled up 16 points without reply through tries from Alan Hunte, Anthony Sullivan and Tommy Martyn, with Goul-ding adding two penalties. Just before half-time,

though, they found themselves down to 12 men after Steve ball. Paris took immediate advantage, David O'Donnell breaking down the middle and, as the St Helens defence desperately tried to regroup, the ball was worked out to the right, enabling Chamorin to

score in the corner. With Anthony Wall adding the conversion, the home side were only ten points addift at the start of the second half, but it did not take long for the visitors to exert their superiority once again. Prescott atoned

for his earlier misdemeanour

Joynt, Martin, Danny Arnold and Hunte followed, with Goulding landing two further conversions and a penalty. There were odd flashes of

the Goulding genius, includ-ing a half break that enabled Prescott to score and a periedly weighted grubber kick that set up Hunte's try, but his performance emphasised what a well organised, professional outfit St Helens had become.

Despite a vociferous band of their supporters, it cannot have been easy for the players to motivate themselves in a half-empty stadium where a running track separates them from the crowd.

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New boys Salford stalk St Helens

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

SALFORD maintained their 100 per cent start to their first Super League season with a 28-16 victory at Halifax yesterday. The Reds have now won their first four matches and are second behind the champions, St Helens, who lead on

points difference. Nathan McAvoy, Scott Naylor, Scott Martin and the £500,000 new signing, Gary Broadbent, scored tries for Salford, who were playing their first away match of the season and ended a run of three successive home vic-

tories for the Bluesox. The new Warrington coach, Darryl Van de Velde, enjoyed the perfect start to his reign at Wilderspool, the Wolves beating Oldham 28-18. John Roper scored 16 points with a try and six goals from seven attempts to leave the Bears at the foot of the table, still without a

Oldham made a flying start with tries from Martin

Crompton and Francis Maloney, who converted both, to give the Bears a shock 12-2 lead, although Warring-ton recovered to lead 16-14 at the break. Roper tagged on two penalties before Kelly Shelford, the man of the match, kicked ahead and George Mann put Tony

In first-half injury time, with Oldham down to 12 men after Howard Hill was sent to the sin bin, Nigel Vagana brushed off defenders to score. Warrington sealed victory with tries in three minutes from Mark Forster and Roper, who darted 40 yards to score from a Paul Sculthorpe pass. Oldham's Scott Ranson cut the gap to

Tatupu over.

28-18 in the sixtieth minute. in the first division, Hull maintained their unbeaten start to the season, with a 43-10 defeat of Wakefield at the Boulevard. They stay a point clear of Huddersfield, 18-12 winners over Feather-

stone, and there is a five-point

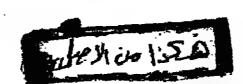
gap back to Wakefield and Whitehaven, who won 21-12 at Keighley. Workington, relegated last season, eased themselves away from the foot of the table with a comfortable 30-16 win over Dewsbury. Carlisle, the second division

leaders, recorded a 30-14 win over Hunslet, despite having two men sent off. Stuart Rhodes was sent off for a late tackle in the first half and Chris Whiteley was given his

marching orders in the 46th minute for using an elbow in the tackle. Hunslet led 10-9 at the break, but Carlisle fought their way in front, leading 30-10 until a late Hunslet

Rochdale's 24-14 win over Bramley kept them second to Carlisle on points difference, but Doncaster slumped to their sixth defeat in a row. losing 24-20 at home to Lanca-





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RUGBY UNION: DEFEAT OF NEWCASTLE IN RUGGED CONTEST UNDERLINES PROGRESS MADE UNDER WARREN

Bedford lay firm foundations to build on

Bedford Newcastle

> BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE will be days such as this again in Bedford though not necessarily at Goldington Road, their traditional home - if good husbandry and home-town commitment mean anything. Just when the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship had virtually acknowledged Newcastle's rise to the top, along came Bedford to spoul the party and the chances are that Richmond will now go

up as champions.

If everything these days has a price, the one paid on Saturday was entirely unnec-essary: the British Isles may lose a wing if Tony Underwood's broken jaw does not mend in time and Bedford are fortunate not to have lost their young lock, Scott Murray, for



Popplewell: punch

the final straight. Murray saw an eye specialist yesterday to assess the damage after a blatant punch by Nick Popplewell sent him to hospital in Luton and, if Newcastle have any sense of responsibility, they will discipline the Ireland prop forward.

The experienced Popplewell swung a big right hand as the ball moved away from a lineout, for which he received a yellow card. Steve Lander, the referee, acted entirely on his touch judge's advice because his back was to the incident, but Popplewell deserved to be sent off. Happily. Murray suffered no more than a cut eyebrow and bruising, but Bedford will invite the Rugby Football Union disciplinary officer to view the incident, if Newcastle do not take action.

It is not enough for the club management to hide behind

dealt with by match officials at the time. A greater responsibility devolves on those who manage professional sport in these highly visual times and. though Newcastle may point to offences by Bedford players

- late in the day there were yellow cards for dangerous tackles by Steve McCurrie and Junior Paramore, as well as Paul Hewitt's furious chall-enge on Underwood that dispatched the England wing to hospital - that does not wipe clean their own slate.

Murray was the dependable Bedfurd ball-winner; as Sean Platford, their lock from Natal, is also injured it is timely that they have finalised the transfer of Nor-man Hadley, from Wasps. At least the joy of victory could balance their sense of grievance, a victory deserved on a frantic afternoon when 6,000 Bedford supporters came to appreciate that top-flight rug-

by could yet return.

Bedford perceive third place and a play-off against the club placed tenth in the first division as within reach, but they know that they cannot produce storming displays such as this one week in, week out. Whether we get into the first division or not there will have to be more buys, sensible buys," Frank Warren, their chairman, said,

Warren would have been happy to see Bedford finish in the top six this season, but the mature combination of Geoff Cooke, the former England manager, with Paul Turner, Probyn and Rudolf Straculi has paid unlooked-for dividends. It means that Warren now has to consider whether a purpose-built stadium on an alternative site should be part of his plans, so that the five-figure crowds he believes are on tap can be accommodated.

Newcastle will be concerned that, with the greater weight of possession and penalties and the strong wind at their backs in the second half, they could not secure victory. Of wider concern is the fact that a side including four Lions backs could make so little impression with ball in hand. Of that quartet, Underwood has been told that, though his jaw has not been displaced, he is unlikely to play again for a month and the Llons leave for South Africa on May 17.

So dependent were Newcastle on Va'aiga Tuigamala to take them forward that the Bedford detence knew that it with 15 to Bedford — appeared to send Hewitt over for the the fact that the incident was they could hold the big man. not to concern them, because first try after Rayer and the final quarter set the scene baying crowd.



Offiah celebrates scoring the fifth try for Bedford to put them on the way to an impressive victory over Newcastle, Photograph: John Gichigi/Allsport

half their task would be done. Thus McCurrie launched himself time and again in the tackle, closely attended by Paramore, whose combination with Straeuli and Roy Winters was so vital for Bedford.

That they were prepared to infringe the offside line time and again - 30 penalties went Newcastle's way compared

they found the precious ability to score points at critical Much of that moments. stemmed from the play at scrum half of Darren Edwards, the Welshman on loan from Saracens, who showed great vision and good hands in everything he did as well as securing a try on the stroke of

His pass set Paramore free

Andrew had exchanged penalties. He was involved again when Paramore and Straeuli drove downfield and Turner's soft pass sent Whetstone careering free for his thirteenth try of the season in league and cup. Though Andrew floated two penalties down the wind. Bedford had the perfect response when Boyd, their Irish

prop. was driven over. A 20-point lead going into

for a rearguard action of the highest quality. Tuigamala set Tait free, Lam crossed for a second Newcastle try and suddenly the gap was down to six points; then the smoothest of passing by Paramore and McCurrie gave Offiah a sniff of the line and he needed no second invitation. That Gra-

1e sprin Leicester's second-string make | Mapletoft sinks Saracens' sad stars with last-ditch strikes poor Orrell look like amateurs

half-time.

BY ALISON KERVIN

IT IS difficult to be harsh about Orrell: almost politically incorrect. The northern team have come to hold such a unique place in the public's affections because of their reluctance to bow to the demands of professionalism that criticising them is like denouncing nurses.

But this is a professional era and the consequences of Orrell's decision to sit tight while the winds of change blow all around them are becoming clearer as the season progresses. Orrell play with guts and determination, with heart and soul, and they challenge their opponents — but they rarely win. And for that reason they are adrift at the bottom of the Courage League first division.

On Saturday, Leicester, one of the title contenders, chose initially to rest some newly-selected British

Lions at the risk of not nudging up their precious points difference. which could prove crucial by the end of the season. Orrell undoubtedly derived benefit from the diminution of Leicester's front row. allowing them to give the Midland's side a few scares in the scrums.

Leicester took the lead, however. which they never relinquished, after just five minutes when Rob Liley. the stand-off half, put Niall Malone away for a try. Then came the try of the match - Bill Drake-Lee made an initial break, well supported by his forwards, before shipping the ball out to Craig Joiner to pass to Steve Hackney to score. Orrell replied through scrum half Steve Cook, who took the ball over after a bullish run from Michael Worsley.

Rory Underwood ended a poor first quarter - dropping passes in the drizzling rain - by taking a well-timed pass from Neil Back and sprinting for the line. Leicester made it four when Matt Poole went

In the second half, Leicester's

attempts to pile on the points were curtailed by strong Orrell defence. but Malone got his second try of the day and Joiner capped a good nerformance in the centre with Leicester's sixth. Orrell managed just one score in return - a penalty try after Dean Richards was caught

unbound at the back of the scrum. In the 67th minute, Orrell could only stand and gape as Martin Johnson, the Lions captain, led Dean Richards, Austin Healey and Graham Rowntree on to the pitch as Leicester's replacements.

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R. Saverimghto (75).

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Saracens BY BRYAN STILES

TRIUMPHANT Gloucester supporters could not resist the temptation to sing a few choruses of "What a waste of money" as the costly multinational Saracens team trudged off having had victory snatched from their grasp in the dying minutes of this Courage Clubs Championship match at Kingsholm on Saturday.

Gloucester's rugged, home-gro team had more than matched their cosmopolitan rivals in a rousing finale that saw Mark Mapletoft, their stand-off half, collect two dropped goals, the first to level the scores and the second to secure victory, all in the last seven minutes. The result pulls Gloucester a little farther away from the relegation

that seemed inevitable earlier in the season. It also put a dent in Saracens' hopes of finishing in the

league's top four, which would bring them a place in the European Cup next season.

ham scored in the fifth minute

of stoppage time mattered not

a jot to Bedford, or to their

Richard Hill, the Gloucester director of rugby, reckons his team need another two points to be sure of retaining their status and is confident they will get them when they meet Leicester tomorrow at Kingsholm. Motivation will be no problem for his players after the way Leicester beat them in the Pilkington Cup semi-final a week

On Saturday Gloucester, despite their full-blooded display, looked for most of the game as if they were going to lose, particularly as they faced such a firmament of costly stars who always seemed about to explode into try-scoring action. Sar-acens fielded eight internationals. including Francois Pienaar (South Africa), Philippe Sella (France) and Tony Daly (Australia). More importantly, they paraded the talents of Richard Hill, of England, the pick of

them all. With their array of talent and

territorial advantage, Saracens should not have had to suffer the Gloucester taunts, but they hung their heads, especially when Pienaur, the "Mr Clean" of rugby,

was issued with a yellow card for foul play in the second half. One player who had a smile on his face for most of the game was Dave Sims, the Gloucester captain. whose wife, Jill, gave birth to their first baby, Nathaniel, in hospital at 2.10pm, leaving Sims with just enough time to make the kick-off.

Tunningley and Lee kicked penal ty goals for Saracens and Mapletoft replied with a penalty goal and two dropped goals.

Gropped goals.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Dropped goals: Mapletoli 21. Penalty goal: Mapletoli Saraceria: Penalty goals: Tunningley, Lee GLOUCESTER: C Cating, M Peters, C Emmerson, M Roberts, M Lloyd; M Mapletoli, S Benton: T Windo, P Greening, A Descon. P Glanville, R Foller, D Smis. N Carlar, S Devensu. Windo ropiaced by T Woodman (S7min) Calling replaced by A Lumeden (85), Glarville replaced by A Stenley (40) SARACENS: A Tunningley, K Chesney, P Sella, S Rovenscrott, R Wallace: A Lee, K Bractern, T Daly, G Botterman P Wallace: J Green, P Johns, A Copsay, R Hill, A Diprose Sella replaced by K Sorrel (50), Green replaced by F Penaar (S2) Daly replaced by A Other (74).

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Irish slam brakes on

Sale bargaining on European windfall

West Hartlepool22

.....43 By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AS MUCH as reaching the Pilkington Cup final next month means to Sale, their sights are set on greater riches in Europe next season. To achieve them, they need to beat the three teams above them in their six remaining Courage Clubs Championship fixtures, which is by no means impossible given the mood

that they are in. However, the wear and tear on a small squad was showing at Brierton Lane on Saturday, despite the emphatic nature of a third win in eight days. West Hartlepool threatened an upset when they recovered from 19-3 down to 19-17. Predictably, they fell apart again and are now perched above the releganon trapdoor.

West's hopes of avoiding second division rugby next season are slim. As well as they can play in patches there is an infuriating inconsistency about them: as solid and creative as the back row of Ions, Earnshaw and Morgan looked when going forward. they were nowhere to be seen in the try off a scrum by Mannix that swung the match Sale's way again.

Dewi Morris, wayward up to that point, laid on Mannix's all-important try, then put Beim away for the second of his three scores and plundered one himself in a runaway finish for the Manchester

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SCORERS: West Hartispoot: Tines. S. John Ch. Penetry goals: C. John (4) Sale: Tiles. Beam (3), Mitchell, Rees. Manner. D. Mooris Conversions: Manne (4)
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Northampton11

By NICOLAS ANDREWS

DOWN among the dead men. something stirs. Bristol may still be red-hot favourites for a relegation play-off place, and they would need to win four of their last five games to have a chance of avoiding it, but this second successive victory in the Courage Clubs Championship suggests that they might, at last, be heading in the right direction.

Certainly, a two-leg play-off meeting with their former captain. Derek Eves, and his Coventry team-males next month will seem a lot more nalatable if they can sustain this run of improved form. Bristol have restructured

their off-field activities. promoting David Tyler, another former captain, to chief executive. Meanwhile. Alan Davies, the coach, has concentrated on the development of his younger players. And the signs are encouraging.

Without Regan and Shaw, their two British Lions, but with a strong wind at their backs, Bristol led a distinctly lacklustre Northampton 20-3 at the break. Rollitt scored the first try from a rolling maul after a tapped penalty and the impressive Corry broke and fed Waters for the second three minutes later. Burke converted both and kicked

Bristol's outlook brighter

two penalties to pass 250 points for the season. Northampton roused themselves after the break and spent much of the second half within reach of the Bristol line. The tackling in defence was resolute, however, and Townsend, at stand-off half in the absence of Grayson, missed three penalty kicks. which effectively prevented

Northampton getting back

Hunter's late try reduced the deficit, but Northampton, with four British Lions among those present, wore the look of a side with their minds on other things. "We didn't do ourselves justice," ian McGeechan, the North-

into the game.

ampton director of rugby, said. "We had chances, but we didn't take them."

If Bristol are to avoid the play-offs, it could well be at Northampton's expense. There are a lot of key games to come," McGeechan said. Rodber went off early with

a neck injury, Townsend was

a disappointing goalkicker and Dawson emphatically lost the scrum-half battle to a former Lion in Robert Jones. Bristol know they have a battle in prospect but, with the South Africa tour looming, it would be all too easy for some Northampton players to for-get the job in hand. It could yet be a testing few weeks for McGeechan's men.

McGeethan's men.

SCORERS: Birtoti: Tries: Rollid, Waters
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replaced by B Smith (75)
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M Allen, H Thomeycroft, G Townsend, M
Danson, M Vollanc, A Clarke, M Sewart, T
Hodder, J Philips, J Chendler, J Wright, G
Seely Bell replaced by E Cohen (33):
Chendler replaced by S Foale (61), Rodber
replaced by C Johnson (79)
Referee: J Pearson (Cleveland).

Harlequins established a 13-0 lead within the first 15 minutes at Sunbury and then selected cruise control. Little more than an hour later, they

Harlequins' journey were coming to terms with one of the most significant upsets

Harlequins By PETER BILLS

THE price that Harlequins may pay for this defeat has yet

to be calculated and, indeed, the surprising deleat of Saracens at Gloucester spared them an even worse outcome to the weekend. But if Harlequins miss a

place in the European Cup via a top-lour finish in the Courage Clubs Championship, then the ramifications will be severe. What was known even before this reversal on Saturday was that Harlequins are releasing eight players and seeking to recruit five or six new men. Those figures may be adjusted in the light of their second serious defeat in consecutive weeks.

of the season.

The spirited Irish were allowed to destroy any pattern to the game through the commitment opitimised by players such as Dawson, O'Connell, Fulcher and Bishop.

With Harlequins leading 19-13, Irish launched a late attack. Humphreys made the half-break and O'Shea forced his way over near the posts. Humphrey's conversion was greeted with a tumultuous

SCORERS: London Irish, Tries: Walsh, O'Shea Conversions: Humphreys (2) Penalty goals: Humphreys (2) Harfoquins: Tries: Chapman Conversion: Lactox, Penalty goals: Lactox (3) Dropped goal:

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Accurate **Jarvis** displays touch of master

By GERALD DAVIES

LEE JARVIS, the Cardiff stand-off half, is developing wonderfully in the position that he will no doubt take over next season, when Jonathan Davies is likely to have a less prominent role.

Varying his play with his kicking, passing and running, Jarvis, 21, is maturing rapidly. There are errors of timing still, but these will also be corrected when he plays as first choice in the position and performs more regularly.

More than these factors is his vast influence as a pointsscorer. The understudy to Neil Jenkins at Pontypridd before he joined Cardiff, he has clearly inherited his accuracy from the goalkicking

In the first quarter of this match on Saturday, Neath exerted plenty of pressure but Jarvis, once he was presented with opportunities to kick at goal, took them with alacrity, whereas Case was failing with seemingly easier chances for the visitors. In a period of five minutes, Jarvis put his side into the lead with three penalties. Before half-time he had collected another two and converted two splendid tries that Cardiff had manufactured for Walker and Hill. It was an immaculate, effortless

Neath could only respond with a penalty from Case on the stroke of half-time. That Jarvis should kick one conversion and miss two after the

Clubs protest to no avail

THE executive carried the day by 206 to 147 votes at the special meeting in Cardiff yesterday that agreed to cut the Welsh League premier division from 12 teams to eight from next season.

The bottom four teams will help to form a new 16-team first division that will include Cross Kevs and Llandovery. who lead the present second division and whose hopes of promotion have now been

Officials from Treorchy, Caerphilly and Llandovery made impassioned pleas for the plan to be scrapped although all six sides directly affected by restructuring will receive financial compensation. The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) confirmed that the new premier division would kick off on August 16, with one club being relegated

The WRU also revealed that Wales's international against Romania will take place at the Racecourse Ground, home of Wrexham Football Club, while work continues on the Millennium Stadium. No decision has been made on where Wales will play their five nations' fixtures next season.

and one promoted.

interval did not take anything away from the impression that he is going to play a leading role in Cardiff's future. He will need to keep up his average over the next few weeks if his side is to finish in the top four of the Welsh League and qualify for the Heineken Cup.

Neath need some victories, too, but for a different reason. With the first division to be reduced to eight clubs, the champions of last season are only two points ahead of Dunvant, who are in ninth position. On Saturday, their young players broke through midfield regularly, thanks to the finely timed passing of Hawkins and Funnell They created some flowing moves. but were not able to capitalise. Cardiff only played confi-dently in fits and starts. It is

the search for greater consistency that no doubt prompted the swift return of Alex Evans as coach on Wednesday. His first task will be to prepare the team for the Swalec Cup semifinal against Llanelli on Sunday. Cardiff know that they need a more rounded performance than this to succeed.

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SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: Welker, Hill (2), Ford, Ringer Conversions: Jarvis (3) Penelby goals. Jarvis (5), Neath: Tries: Bridges. S. Williams, Conversions: Case (2) Penelby goals: Case CARDIFF: J. Thomas: S. Ford, L. Disvies, S. Hill, N. Walker; L. Jarvis, R. Howley, A. Lewis, J. Humphreys. L. Mustice, J. Ringer, A. Lewis, J. Humphreys. L. Mustice, J. Ringer, K. Stewart, D. Jones, M. Bornsett, O. Williams: Howley replaced by J. Howest (59min), Humphreys replaced by J. Howest (59min), Humphreys (60min), J. Jones (52), NEATH: D. Case, C. Higgs, D. Hawkins, J. Funnal, Richard Jones, Damen Morris, C. Bridges, D. Morms, B. Williams, J. Davies, S. Williams, Darren Morris replaced by G. Davies (63min), J. Davies replaced by G. Gerrard (57): Boobyer replaced by G. Reeman (63); Robin Jones replaced by G. Gardner (63).
Referee: Robert G. Davis (Durivanti).

t Helen

Determined to put on a great display

e will take home our own memories of what happened at Aintree on Saturday but the overriding emotion for me was one of sadness. It was a very sad day for sport in general and the irony is that no sport brings the countries of England and Ireland closer together than racing — espe-cially steeplechasing.

If anything, the bomb scare that ruined the day for so many has brought the jockeys from both countries closer together. We acknowledged the futility of our situation on Saturday, There was nothing we, or anyone else, could do. But now we are more determined than ever to put up a great show today.

All jockeys are proud of the Grand National. It is our biggest showcase; it transcends the normal racing audience and it will, God willing, take place this afternoon. The crowds may be slightly diminished but it is our race, our show and it will mean everything to everyone involved today. Nothing can change that, it has been delayed for 48 hours, that is

We saw some wonderful moments of defiance on Sat-urday, culminating in the rescheduling of the race. Like everyone else, I thought the people at Aintree handled the situation as well as anyone could have expected. Fortunately, there were no injuries to humans or horses. Thinking about these details has helped to put the whole thing into perspective: we are all

there to race today. Before the scare on Saturday. I was one of the last to leave the weighing room. I'd changed into my lightest riding gear when I heard the the course. At first we thought it would be all over in two

have happened before in rac-ing. But we soon realised there was no way the race

Some of us headed towards the owners' and trainers' car park via the Melling Road. That road is a famous landmark in the Grand National and it goes without saying we were all expecting to cross it

Still, there were consolations on a bitterly cold afternoon, Around a dozen jockeys, a handful of owners and the odd trainer ended up drinking cups of tea at Mrs. Sunderland's house by the side of the course. My valet, John Buckingham, stays with her for the meeting and she did us proud. I believe something stronger than tea was doing the rounds but, sadly, it never came my way.

To judge by the state of a few of my colleagues on Sunday morning. something stronger was cer-tainly drunk at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool the night before. I stayed in Runcorn and had an enjoyable dinner in the company of a few friends. I travelled back from Aintree in the back of Robert Alner's horsebox, I never thought I would be so pleased to see the inside of one of those

We left Aintree three hours after we had to evacuate the course and most of us were freezing. The fact that it is now a one-off race, with no supporting card, does not allow us the chance to warm

I like to have a ride or two in advance of a big race - it loosens the muscles and I am without any aches and pains. For these reasons, the ride none of us look forward to is the first on a Monday. So



Dunwoody, left, and Jason Titley in good spirits at Aintree before the announce

many horses are set to carry the minimum weight of ten stone today that many of the boys have been wasting to make the weight. We will have to stretch each other into shape - although i am sure the adrenalin will play its part in helping us warm up.

about that here, although from what I've heard, one or You cannot keep jockeys down for long, however, and sure enough some interesting tales are filtering through about what they have been up to. The younger ones play hard at this meeting; unfortunately, their trainers might

two of them have shown the stamina required to match the winner of the Grand National

we are all here today. The objective remains the same. the challenge equally daunt-ing, and the sensation of winning will be just as acute. I have the feeling that this afternoon's race will be one of the most exciting.

We, as jockeys, will be doing our utmost to make it

Betting industry owes Aintree National debt

Alasdair Murray analyses the financial

implications of Saturday's postponement

The betting industry yesterday breathed a huge sigh of relief after the decision was taken to restage Saturday's postponed Grand National today. An abandonment had threatened to throw the industry's revival off-

The loss of the National for the second time in four years - would have hadly dented the bookmakers annual profits. An estimated £70 million has been laid out on the big race this year with the bookmakers expected to take around £5 million in profit from their biggest day of the

But it is the unquantifiable impact that the cancellation of the National would have had on future business that most worried the bookmakers. The Grand National provides the betting industry with an unequalled shop window — the one day that thousands of first-time or infrequent punters visit betting shops and become exposed to the increasingly wide array of betting products on offer. These customers are hardly likely to be won over by a race that fails to take place.

The betting industry has suffered a lean time during the last few years. The embarrassment of the void Grand National in 1993 has been followed by a succession of weather interruptions to the winter National Hunt pro-gram. The profitability of the Flat racing season during the summer has also been hit by arid weather, greatly reducing the number of runners and thus making racing less at-tractive and more predictable.

Moreover, the arrival of competition from the National Lottery has damaged the industry considerably. The Lottery has cost bookmakers an estimated £120 million a year in turnover with the vast majority of the shortfall coming from bets placed on racing.

The major bookmakers Ladbrokes, Coral and Wil-liam Hill — have begun to fight back against the Lottery. winning a succession of deregulatory measures which have reduced betting tax and

permitted cash-prize amusement machines in betting shops for the first time. But the success of other forms of betting — an estimated £80 million was staked on football's European Champion ship last year - and the introduction of new products, such as 49s, a fixed-odds lottery bet, that has helped bookmakers stem the decline

in profits.

The betting industry is desperate to cast-off its old-man's image — largely associated with racing — and attract new customers especially women. The City is also keen for bookmakers to expand into new markets, not just to restore the lost profits, but to improve the financial stability of the betting industry. Racing remains a volatile medium: Frankie Dettori's seven winners at Ascot cost the bookies around £30 million last year. The last thing the industry needs is uncertainty of whether its flagship event will even take place.

Not surprisingly, the proportion of bookmaker turnover from racing is declining - from 75 per cent in 1990 to 70 per cent last year. This has a knock-on impact on the quality of racing through the Levy - approximately i per cent of every bet - being reinvested in the sport. The cancellation of the National would have cost the sport around £750,000.

For the moment, the book makers insist that racing remains their core activity. The National Hunt season has largely gone to plan this year, and although there are again worries that some courses will be too firm, it is far too early to comment on the Flat season. The bookmakers hope that heavy promotion of other betting opportunities may also ultimately lead new punt-

ers into betting on the horses. But the pressures from both the City, which wants to see steady profits, and stiff competition from other gambling activities are forcing the bookmakers to look beyond racing. Further mishaps like Saturday's will only accelerate the decline in importance of betting on racing.

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Need to consider postponements THE extremely dry conditions

are having a damaging impact on the sport and after four poor meetings on Saturday it is time to consider postponements (Carl Evans writes).

Such a notion will be anathema to hunts, which jealously guard their traditional dates and know that moving at short notice invariably reduces the crowd — it can also cause a clash with other nearby meetings but these are unusual circumstances and what is being offered to the public is not racing. Some-times it is even unfair to ask

horses to compete. Regulation courses are no longer allowed to stage meet-

point-to-pointing should follow the same route.

In general, spectators turn up regardless, happy to support their local hunt and enjoy a day in the countryside. That was not the case at the Royal Artillery meeting at Larkhill, the scene of a sparse atten-

dance on Saturday. Two walk-overs did at least prevent the winners having to gallop on very firm turf. The rest of the racing was contested by moderate horses and. while Fosbury was another welcome winner for title-chasing Tim Mitchell, his beating of three lowly rivals was like watching concrete dry.

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

BRAMHAM MOOR (Wetherby) Hunt 1, Cot Lane (J Tate, 1-3 lav) 2, Orbit; only 2 finished 3 ran. Reet 1, Notarus (Mrs. k. Hargeares, 5-1). 2. Dear Emily: 3, Cecinion 6 ran Ladien Open: 1, Cheeky Pot (Mrs. 6 ran Ladien Open: 1, Cheeky Pot (Mrs. 6 grant, 1-5 lav), 2, Russino, only 2 finished, 2 ran. Men's Open: 1, Frome Boy (P Johnson); finished alone Infrar 1, Strap Challenge (F Glass, 2-1), 2, Mac's Blade; only 2 finished, 3 ran. Open Mdn 1, Persian Lion (MissT Jackson: 7-4 lav); 2, Madame Dalarge, 3, Top Odder 7 ran. Open Mdn Ii, Just A long (G Tuer 3-1), 2, Another Delight, 3, Malensix, 3 ran.

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CURRE (Howeck): Hunt: 1, Sebestopol (D
Stephens, Evens law): 2, Ningrisher Bay,
only 2 finished 4 ran, Interfinis Rest I: 1,
Mostyn (Miss P Gundly, 5-2), 2, Cose
Nostre, 3, Yarron King 6 ran Interfinis,
Rest II: 1, Swage Cal. (E Wilserns, 1-5
fav): 2, Red Rhappody, only 2 finished, 2
ran Confined: 1, Rusty Music (Miss N
Richards, 7-2); 2, Norsy Welcome, 3,
locapacid: 6 ran Land Rover Open: 1,
Beinn Mohr (E Wilserns, 4-6 tav): 2,
Adanac: only 2 finished 3 ran Ladies 1,
Walve Up Liv (Miss P Cooper, 11-8 fav), 2,
Lucity Ole Son, 3, Algainabane 4 ran
Intermediate 1, The Last Mistress (J
Price, 3-11, 2, French Stick, only 2 finished
2 ran Michi 1, Tim A Butte IJ Price, 6-4), 2,
Rowerfill: 3, Life Ease, 4 ran Midn II 1,
Moor Hill, Lass (G Lews, 7-2); 2, Miss Dion;
3, Lenne Rhe Lion, 7 ran

FITZWILLIAM (Cortenham). Hunt. 1, Stanwick Farlap (T Marks, 1-4 tay), 2 Current Attraction; only 2 finished 2 ran Confined 1, Horace (W Wales, 6-4 lay), Confined 1, Horace (W Wales, 6-4 lav), 2. Cockstown Lad; 3, Salmon Meed, 3 ran, Men's Open 1, Mister Speciator (S R Andrews, 9-4), 2, Over The Edge 3, Ok. Correl 3 ran, Ladiee 1, Kuracta (Miss S Grition, 8 (f.), 2, Cherry Chap; 3, Counterbud 3 ran, Interlink, Restricted; 1, Claydoms Monity (S R Andrews, Evens fav), 2, Coloner Kenson, only 2, finished 4 ran, Open Men I, 1, Coptic Dancer (W Wales 5-4 Ji Lav); 2, Lamern Spark, 3, Sally Pet, 4 ran, Open Men II, Roscolvin (N Bloom, 6-4); 2, Rivers End; 3, Regal Shadow 8 ran

ROYAL ARTILLERY (Larkhill), Hunt: 1. Wesshaun (3 Chanter, 5-4); 2, Cuote: 3. Gunner Stream: 3 7an Open Midn (6-7yd): 1, Nicolinsky (Mrs. 8 Watwin, 12-1); 2, Scarra Darragh, only 2 finished fran Confined: 1, Indian kinght (M MMer). finished alone Intermediate: 1. Stalbndge Gold (Mrss. A Goschert). Bristhed alone Mixed Open: 1, Fosbury (7 Mitchell, 2-5 lav); 2, Gallardt Effort. only 2 finished: 4 ran Rest: 1. Miss Magic (F Brennan: 5-4), 2, No Reply: only 2 finished: 3 ran Hunt: 1, Havana (Sgf. G Lloyd, 2-1 lav); 2, Henley: 3, Heroules: 8 ran

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

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22.0 (2m ch 1, Down The Full St Williamson, 20-1), 2. Lord Gorcol (13-2); 3. Wey Flive; (14-1) Celbath 7-2 leve; 0. 10 cm 7, 9, H. Johnson, Toler (36-90; 25-90, 22-30, 23-70 DF; 532-90 Tao 2410-80 CSF-237, 17. Tricant; 21, 723, 97

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Beverley

2.00 1, Champagne Wanter (11-2), 2, Best-outs Pense (16-1); 3, Ponte Scothe (40-1), Process 2-1 las 12 zan. 2.30 1, Gulf Shead (8-1); 2, Rambo Walkser (100-30); 3, Geruma John (14-1); 4, Poster Game (10-1), Three Arch Bridge 3-1 law 17

If Golden Minge, Life 1, Bothol (9-4); 2, Cretan GR (14-1), 3, Inne Edge (2-1 to) 5 rah. Brane Solge (2-1 fm) 6 nan. 4-16 1, Branchine Way (7-1): 2, Jean Pane (18-2): 3, Petit Plora (50-1), 4, Augustan (7-1) Ambolostrous 5-2 lav 19 ran 4-45 1, Blooming Arrasting (16-1): 2, Kaster Kinche (12-1), 3, Sandbaggedagain (8-1), (2 ran. NRF Kafal, Oher To You Kafair (13-8 bay with with them. not under orders — ule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 35p an pound

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4.25 1, Surro Singer (9-4 (ev): 2, Va Uju (9-2), 3 Dissolve (9-2) Brun.
4.55 1, Duise Of Omenns (16-6): 2, Pandosa's Prize (10-1); 3, Something Calchy (15-2), Another Venture 4-5 (ev (9), 6 ren

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2.15 Honourable. 2.45 Julia's Relative. 3.15 Square Deal. 3.45 Cats Bottom. 4.15 One Of The Rail. 4.45

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.45 GALAHAD MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES

3.15 EXCALIBUR HANDICAP (£3,096: 1m) (16)

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312 (8) 03052 MANDR MOUSE 24 (20), (5) J Horton 5-8-18 K Fallon 91
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315 (3) 58-3 SLVEN HARROY ST (7) A Moreometer 4-7-12 J Carter 30
316 (16) 08889 MIRRE CARDINES 9 (4), (5) G Sans 5-7-12

3.45 LANCELOT LIMITED STAKES (£2.277; 70) (16) (£2,277; 71) (16)

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515 (15) 48-50 OUTH REPNIL 2 (8, CD.B) P harm 5-9-4 G Bardwell 69

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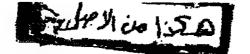
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A National heritage too noble to sacrifice

THE second attempt to run the 150th Grand National, scheduled for this evening, represents the only sensible course. It is, as everyone involved keeps repeating, a national sporting institution; two cheap and nasty telephone calls must not triumph over

But, far more important than the fact that maybe 10,000 people will enter the racecourse today, far more precious than the spectacle of up to 36 brave horses and riders in their fine silks, the freedom to express ourselves must be protected.
It is costing a fortune. It is

taking riders and animals to the extremes for an event for which they peaked on Saturday. But sport is the lingua franca of the way in which our world can understand and tolerate one another's traditions. Those of us who attempt to write about it are no longer mere sports observers. Hillsborough, Heysel and Bradford took away that innocence; the bomb which killed two people at the Atlanta Olympic Park showed again that the sheer size and platform that sports now command on the world scale will regrettably attract trouble.

So, indubitably, the sport must go on, or else it becomes the first sacrifice. In the heat of Saturday night, when people became temporarily frenzied, to get past the security cordon and to retrieve their belongings inside the racecourse, I was struck by the simplicity, the articulacy of one extremely youthful guard. He may have been 17, little older than Joe Tizzard, the youngest rider entered for the National, And he cut through all argument with the phrase "a life"s a life".

And it is the way we choose to live it that counts. Across the road from that altercation, in a crowd of sometimes elderly, sometimes extremely young and bewildered and stranded people, stood the erect figure of Bruce Hobbs. in ROB HUGHES



On the importance of running the great race

1938, when he had just turned 17. Hobbs became the youngest winner of the Grand National thus far. Amid the throng, with a shivering wind tugging at his clothing, Hobbs simply stood and waited, his eyes opaque, his past being tramped upon by some cowardly phonecaller.

Close to Hobbs was a charming, popular, still renowned former jockey. Jonjo O'Neill, now a trainer, was as confused but as resilient, as

RICHARD EVANS

JULIAN MUSCAT

ROB HUGHES

1. ANTONIN

4. Suny Bay

General Wolfe

1. NAHTHEN LAD

2. Turning Trix

4. Lord Gyllene

3. Nahthen Lad

determined to beat this evil as anything approaching the anyone. He happens to be quality of what Saturday came so very near to providing. Irish, as do countless numbers of those who came to Ainton Some of the riders, leaving

Nearby, too, stood Gregory

atmosphere, but the will to

conquer will be worth more

than the £75 million apparent-

ly bet by a third of Britain's

adult population. If we are

honest, we should not expect

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FORM

GERALD HUBBARD

(Private Handicapper)

1. GENERAL WOLFE

2. Avro Anson

4. Lo Stregone

1. SUNY BAY

2. Go Ballistic

3. Avro Anson

1. SUNY BAY

2. Go Ballistic

4. Wylde Hide

3. Antonin

4. Antonin

3. Suny Bay

THE TIMES TOP TIPS

the track with only the silks for sport on Saturday. I shall not forget, or particularly exthat they were, could be seen cuse, the misguided attempt at humour by Ginger McCain, the trainer of Red Rum, jibing in the Adelphi Hotel in the early hours of Sunday. Their starvation diets were aban-O'Neill with "I'd appreciate it doned to drink, how else would virile young sportsmen enter the British spirit of if you spoke in other than an The Irish as a race do not everyone else around them? deserve to bear the blame for The horses, too, have suffered, the actions of a small, but vicious number of people who despite the gallant efforts of Phil Sharp, the "lad" to Suny take such easy and destructive Bay, to refuse to leave his post,

Peck, an American actor who When the animals too were had said earlier in the day that evacuated, most of them to this was the best race in the world, that it best Hollywood nearby Haydock, they went with their different for substance. When 5 o'clock temperaments. Some were comes, please without further over agitated, some were coded messages or anything calm, all bar two who were worse, the runners and riders withdrawn yesterday seemed of the 1997 Grand National to share with their handlers, will represent a British spirit their trainers and riders, the of deliance beyond anything spirit yesterday to shake off that they have known before. Saturday and to return this It will be a strained and eerie evening. Thus, Peter O'Sullevan, the

and to water as many as he

BBC commentator whose voice was silenced just as he began to read the runners and riders for his fiftieth, and final, National, should be in full mellifluous flow again tonight. That distinctive voice. almost Churchillian in tone. will sound for us all, the right to live as we choose. If it were otherwise, all sport, would be vulnerable and could be vicrims of malevolence: the London Marathon next Sunday, for example, would be virtually unsustainable, unpoliceable, if the coded call came. "Two lousy phonecalls." a senior officer of the Merseyside constabulary said, "that's all it took to threaten our

Closer still to the essence around Liverpool were the words of Charlie Brooks, the trainer of Suny Bay: "Not to run would be a real empty feeling, we want to run and shove it up them."

lifestyle. Thank heavens, it's

on again."

5.00 MARTELL GRAND NATIONAL CHASE (Handicap: grade ill: £178,146: 4m 4f) (40 runners)

MASTER OATS 50 (BF,G,S) (P Matthews) K Bailey 11-11-10 N Williamson NAHTHEN LAD 25 (G,S) (Mrs P Hemmings) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-9 J F Titley 21-6P2P LO STREGONE 44 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs S Clegg) T Tate 11-10-4...... G Bradley 214-335 SUNY BAY 44 (G,S) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 8-10-3 J Osborne F/1S1-51 15-2605 FEATHERED GALE 36 (F,G,S) (M O'Connor) A L T Moore (Ire) 10-10-3 F Woods AVRO ANSON 65 (F,G) (The Mirror Punters Club) M Carnacho 9-10-2 P Niven 2125-3U 1F5/1P2 BUCKBOARD BOUNCE 9 (F,G,S) (R Ogden) G Richards 11-10-1 P Carberry 52/10-P0 01-241P LORD GYLLENE 23 (BF,G,S) (S Clarke) S Brookshaw 9-10-0 A Dobbin 231112 110-021 WYLDE HIDE 36 (G,S) (J McManus) A L T Moore (Ire) 10-10-0...... C F Swan 5P114P ANTONIN 50 (F,G,S) (G Bailey Ltd) Mrs S Bramall (Ire) 9-10-0 C O'Dwyer 30-1551 SMITH'S BAND 37 (G,S) (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-0 R Dunwoody 11F12-P 4121F4 GENERAL WOLFE 30 (BF,G,S) (Winning Line Racing) T Forster 8-10-0...... L Wyer 11F2-14 4-12232 GLEMOT 115 (BF,F,G,S) (D Yardy) K Bailey 9-10-0 S McNeill 11-2553 5P5344 KILLESHIN 23 (C,G,S) (H Manners) H Manners 11-10-0...... S Curran 50U-PP4 STRAIGHT TALK 135 (F,G,S) (Mrs C Paterson) P Nicholls 10-10-0 Mr J Tizzard 21-225U NUAFFE 40 (B,G,S) (J Doyle) P Fahy (Ire) 12-10-0 T Mitchell POFO1P 011-320 P3-1441 RIVER MANDATE 27 (V,G,S) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 10-10-0............ A Thornton 45U5P0 GRANGE BRAKE 27 (C,F,G,S) (H Mould) N Twiston-Davies 11-10-0...... D Walsh 321142 BACK BAR 22 (G,S) (P McCarthy) A L T Moore (Ire) 9-10-0 T P Treacy 554004 400/240 554-05F 442/2-P4 11-3F33 CAMELOT KNIGHT 27 (S) (M Gates) N Twiston-Davies 11-10-0...... C Liewellyn 0/5P-246 3P2-045 U223-36 OVER THE STREAM 21 (F,G) (J Gordon & E Gordon) Miss M Milligan 11-10-0...... DOUBTFUL 1340-60 DON'T LIGHT UP 349 (B,G,S) (I Naylor) Miss V Williams 11-10-0...... Mr R Thornton PINK GIN 38 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Francis) M Hammond 10-10-0...... Mr C Bonner

Long handicap: Lord Gyllene 9-13, Wylde Hide 9-13, Dextra Dove 9-13, Antonin 9-13, Smith's Band 9-10, New Co 9-9, Go Ballistic 9-8, General Wolfe 9-8, Giernot 9-7, Vallant Warrior 9-6, Killeshin 9-3, Master Boston 9-3, Straight Talk 9-2, Nuaffe 9-2, Northern Hide 9-0, Turning Trix 8-12, River Mandate 8-12, Grange Brake 8-12, Evangelica 8-10, Back Bar 8-10, Dakyns Boy 8-9, Scribbler 8-8, Celtic Abbey 8-7, Full Of Oats 8-6, Camelot Knight 8-6, Mugoni Beach 8-4, Plastic Spaceage 8-2, Over The Stream 8-2. Don't Light Up 8-2. Pink Gln 8-0, Spuffington 8-0.

SPUFFINGTON 30 (6,S) (J Clopet) J Gifford 9-10-0 P Hide

BETTING: 9-1 Suny Bay, Lord Gyliene, Wylde Hide, 10-1 Ayro Anson, Go Ballistic, Smlth's Band, 14-1 Feathered Gale, General Wolfe, Lo Stregone, Antonin, 18-1 Nahthen Lad, 25-1 Buckboard Bounce, Turning Trix, 33-1 Dextra Dove, Killeshin, Master Oats, 40-1 New Co, Northern Hide, 50-1 Bishops Hall, Evangelica, Glernot, River Mandate, Straight Talk, 66-1 others.

1996: ROUGH QUEST 10-10-7 M A Fitzgerald (7-1 fav) T Casey 27 ran

(Chief Sports Writer) 1. LORD GYLLENE 2. Smith's Band

4. General Wolfe

2.30 Gallents Delight

3.00 COQUI LANE (nep)

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3.30 Ask Me Leter 4.00 Astraleon 4.30 Royal Jester 5.00 Maitre De Musique

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 JESSOLLE. Carl Evans: 2.30 Gallants Delight. 4.30 Royal Jester

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2.00 CHEVIOT RENTALS MODULAR MARQUEES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,871: 2m 110yd) (13 numers)

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112-431 ARCTIC SANDY S5 (BF.F) IR Anderson Green J Diver 7-11-0

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00-3300 NECK RUSS 14 (B Breas) R Breats 6-11-0

65-5040 PENTLANDS 14-PRF 51 (Ask M Bed) H Jederson 6-11-0

0-03225 PENTLAND SQUINE 14 (BF) (D Weits J Jederson 6-11-0

0-0303 JESSOLLE 16 (C Rest) 6 Richerts 5-10-9

0400 SALEM BEART 25 (M Barsh M Todhuran 5-10-9

0400 SALEM BEART 55 (S Marsh M Todhuran 5-10-9

0 CALINGER 17 (T Barnes) M Barnes 4-10-8

06 PULTICAL MANDAYE 38 (B Mosh) R Hosen 4-10-3

MA 5-2 Jessolle 11-4 Pentland Square 5-1 Ancie Sandy 7-1 Eastellife 10-1 Dantes A S Smith 78
LeConnack (7) 62
R Guest 85
F Perrati 74
R Bustann BETTING, 5-2 Jesocile, 11-4 Pentiand Square, 6-1 Arctic Sandy, 7-1 East-life, 10-1 Dantes Amour, 12-1 others

1906: BALHEROCOCH 7-11-8 P Novem (11-10 tax) T Easterby 9 can

ARCTIC SANDY 41 3nd of 7 to Urban Dancing in novince chose at Musselburgh (2m, good to firm) on peraltimate start. DANTES AMOUR about 41 3nd of 15 to Cana Pourt in novince burdle on 11 to Our Robert in setting hurdle at Martist Rasen (2m) 11090, good to firm). EASTCLETE 171 3nd of 28 to Bold Statement in National Hurtliffat race at Selections. MICK RDSS.

 ${\cal Y}2.30$ Holland & Holland Buccleuch cup maiden Hunters Chase (Amateurs, £2,081, 3m 1f) (12 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Lotham Commodute 4-1 Perman View 9-2 Storm Aine, 5-1 Gallaris Delignt, 6-1 Ensign Event. 12-7 Leannes Man. 12-1 Canister Castle 16-3 others. 1998: ABERCROMBY COMET 11-11-7 Miles S Fonsier (7-1) S Shirley-Beavain 11 ren

FORM FOCUS

ENSIGN EWART beat Bit Of Blether 2 at open race at Frank Haugh (3m. good to firm). LEANNES MAN open race at Corbridge soft open race at Corbridge STORM ALIVE dead-healed with Arm Ah Man in open race at Trainvell (3m. good to pen race at Trainvell (3m. Selection: LEANNES MAN)

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CODIA LANE 11 2nd of 5 to Son Ol bits in handreap chase over course and distance (good). REAL cools in provide these early of 8 to American Hero in nonce chase here (2m 11, good). MISS COLETTE beal COOL WEATHER 16b better off 8 to 7-name of 11 to Lain Leader in selfing handreap hundle at New York Cools WEATHER 12% I 3nd of 6 to Kings Sermon.

3.30 PAT DE CLERMONT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,218: 3m 1f) (9 runners)

1-00PSI WHAAT FETTLE 17 (CD.BF.F.G.S)	Ashierbank (Lo) G. Richards 12-12-0 A. Dobbin. 88
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BETTRUS: 3-1 Winast Fertle, Ack Ma Lator, 4-1 Gale Ahmai 5-1 Nigrow, 6-1 Bannicom Ball, 12-1 Humczme Andrew Forward Glen, 14-1 others

1896, NO CORRESPONDING RACE

BANNTOWN BILL best effort beal Mozerno 111 m 7-numer handscap chase at Tauriton (3m, good) Jan 97 GALE AHEAD best effort 41 2nd of 8 to Cettic Sther or handscap chase at Newcastle (3m, good). Teb 97, HURRICANE ANDREW best effort only 34 in 7-numer handscap chase at Cartiste (3m, good). SNOOK PORT 191 3rd of 12 to Cultare Lake in handscap chase at Musselburgh (3m, good) to firm! Selection: GALE AHEAD (1nd) 110pd, good)

4.00 ESCARTH & SON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,788 2m 110vd) (4 runners)

\$25625 DONE WELL 117 (D.F.G) (A Mehale) P Monteuth 5-11-11. B Storry #8 131-13- ASTRALEON 520 (CD.F.G) (A Dunloy) R Alán 9-10-13 B Meirose (7) 87 155402 WELL APPOINTED 7 (F) (Dunlarny Rocque) B MacSagar 8-10-1. G Lee (3) 58 R1-2F30 KALBALLY BOY 23 (D.G) (Everatio Partners) H Johnson 7-10-0 C McCommack (7) 86 Long handicap: Kultually Boy 9-1 BETTANS: 6-4 Done Well 9-4 Well Appointed 3-1 Astraion, 9-2 Milibally Boy

1996 BALLON 6-10-6 B Storey (3-1) M Dods 4 fan

DOME WELL 3%1 2nd of 10 to Carbo Line in handleap hundle at Newcastle (2m, good) on penultimate start. ASTRALEON beat innocent George 153 in 5-numer handleap houted at Newcastle (2m, 10 Twin falls in novice chaze at Catenick (2m 3), good to soft on penultimate start.

4.30 STEFES CHAMPION HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,736, 3m 1f) (5 runners)

5-211 DARK DAWN JOP (F.G.S) Idas J Newt) Miss J Newti 13-12-7 Miss Lorde Footon (7) 92 421402 MISHBALOO 27 (CD.BF.F.G) (R Arderson Geen) C Parter 12-12-7 A Parter (7) 98 4FP-P42 LITTLE WENLOCK 21 (F.S.) (Mrs. D Gabson) Mrs. D Gibson 13-12-0 Miss V Jackson (9) 93 P00425- Mow YDANIS MAN \$18 (F.B.) it Riscort Miss A Sembani, 8-12-0 Clark Wilson (7) - 2-222 ROYAL JESTER 17 (CD.F.G.S) (Mrs. A Wauchope) C Storey 13-12-0 C Storey (5) ED BETTING: 2-1 Roya) Jester, 11-4 Kushbaboo, 4-1 Lette Wenlock, 9-2 Dark Dawn, 5-1 Now Young Man. 1996, ROYAL JESTER 12-11-9 (Storey (5-2) Mr. J Storey 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARK DAWN best Carole's Debight 11 in open race at Charm Park (3m. good to limn). KUSHRALOD 11 handles handle at Carliste (3m. good to limn). The lo Elen Cak in hunter chase at Sedgefield (3m. ROYAL JESTER 7) 2nd to Jigume in hunter chase at Newtastle (3m. good). Selections: ROYAL JESTER 10 Act to Jigume in hunter chase at Newtastle (3m. good). Selections: ROYAL JESTER 10 Act to Jigume in hunter chase at Newtastle (3m. good).

5.00 CROALL BRYSON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,840 2m 6f 110yd) (9 runners)

Long handicae: Allerby 9-12

BETTING: 6-4 Martie De Micrope 9-2 Deckmarter 5-1 Master Of Troy. 6-1 Cash Box, 7-1 Old Habits. 8-1 Master Hyde: 10-1 Rascally: 16-1 others

1996. ERZABJAN 6-;1-6 P Neven (11-8) Mrs M Remiley 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASTER HYDE 151 12th of 19 to Me Morrary in handicap handle at Cansuck (2m good) on penultimate start OLD HABRIS best ettori Fival 2rd of 9 to Hare Comes Herbe in handicap murdle at Masselburgh (2m 4), good) on perultimate start MATIFE DE MUSICIE 1141 2nd of 17 to Enchanted Consider in handicap handle at Herbarn (2m 4) 110yd, good). As 96 with CASH BOX (7% worse off 1914) 5th. DOCKMASTER best effort beat Flat Top 110 in 20-tunner handicap handle at Nevcasile (3m, good), 6th 97 Selection. DOCKMASTER mate stati ALD Mallis the selection end of a for Here Comes Herbe in handicap rendle at Marselburgh (2m 41, good) on perallimate stati MATTRE DE MUSKULE 141 2nd of 17 to Enchant-ed Contage in handicap hordle at Herbam (2m 41 110yd, colf). CASH BOX best Maya Harts 1141 in

(4.45 Southwell)

624,059, 6 ran).

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SMITH'S BAND

GO BALLISTIC

GENERAL WOLFE

VALIANT WARRIOR

Mar 15, Uttoweter: see Lord Gyllene Mar 1, Warwick, see Full Of Oats

Nov 23, 1996, Aintree* see Glemot. Nov 9, 1996, Wincartion, see Glemot. Nov 2, 1996, Ascot: see Go Ballistic.

Jan 23, Gowran Park, see New Co. Dec 27, 1996, Leopardstown, see New Co. Nov 7, 1996, Clonmel, see Artionin

Feb 11, 1996, Leopardstown: see Master Outs.

Mar 12, Chettenham, good to firm (10-13) 24! 9th to Terao (10-7) with New Co (11-8) 33! 10th (2m 4! 110yd, heap ch, £30,044, 13 ran)

GLEMOT

KILLESHIN

NUAFFE

STRAIGHT TALK

NORTHERN HIDE

Feb 1, Sandown, see Dextra Dove.

Mar 13, Cheltenham, good: (12-0) 151el 4th to Mr Multigan (12-0) with Naththen Lad (12-0) pulled up 2 out (3m àt 110yd, grade i, ch. £134,810, 14 ren). Feb 1, Sandown, see Destra Dove

Dec 21, 1995, Accol, good to firm, (10-0) beat Ungualed Missile (11-11) 1 kl with Turning Trix (10-0) 37-kl 4th and Depths Dove (10-9) pulled up last (3m 110yd heap ch, £24,379, 9 ran)

Nov 2, 1996. Ascot, good to limit (10-4) best Straight Talk (11-2) 8I (3m 110yd, heap ch, 28,013, 5 ran)

Mer 8, Chepstow see Belmont King.
Feb 21, Haydock, good to soft. (12-0) best McGregor
The Third (11-4) nack (3m, heap ch, £4,531, 7 ran)
Apr 20, 1996, Ayr. soft. (10-2) 11! 2nd to Moorcroft Boy
110-2) with Lo Stregone (10-13) 29! 4th (4m 11, grade III,
heap ch, £38,590, 20 ran).

GLEMOT Dec 13, 1986. Cheltenham, good (11-8) 101 2nd to Yorkshire Gale (11-10) (3m 11, hcap ch, £12,498, 2 ran) Nov 23, 1996, Antree good (10-4) 11 ls 3rd to Into The Red (10-0) with Straight Talk (10-0) unseated rider 4 out (3m 3f, hcap ch, £25,666, 8 ran).

Nov 9, 1996, Wincanton, good (11-12) 101 2nd to Coome Hill (11-7) with Straight Talk (11-3) 221 5th (3m 1f 110yd, hcap ch, £13,898, 9 ran).

Mar 22, Newbury, good to firm: (11-4) 3's! 3rd to Senor © Betrutt (11-13) (3m, hoap ch, £6,653, 4 ran) Feb 15, Newcastle, good: (11-12) distance 5th to All The Aces (10-13) (2m 4t, hoap ch, £8,557, 7 ran)

NEW CO

Feb 16, Punchestown see Antonin. Feb 11, 1996, Leopardstown, yielding to soit (12-0) 61 2nd to Imperal Call (12-0) with Nuame pulled up 10th (3m, grade J ch. £50,258, 8 ran). Feb 16, Punchestown, soit: (10-0) beal King Of The Gales (10-6) distance with Master Oets (12-0) pulled up 3 out (3m 2), hospich, £20,500, 9 ran) Dec 27, 1996, Leopardstown see New Co Dec 27, 1996, Licopardistown see New Co Nov 7, 1996, Clonmel, yletding to soft (12-0) 25 ½l 5th to Royal Mounitbrowns (11-7) with Nueste (12-0) 38l 9th (2m 4f, grade if, ch. £12,900, 8 ran) Mar 30, 1996, Liverpool, good (10-0) 49l 8th to Rough Cuest (10-7) with Over The Stream (10-0) 87 13th, Bishops Hali (10-1) unseeled 1st and Wylde Hide (10-0) unsealed 24th (4m 4t, grade til, hosp ch. 27 ran).

NAHTHEN LAD Mar 13, Cheltenham, ase Go Ballistic. Feb 15. Chepstow, soft (11-12) 6/2nd to Air Shot (11-0) (2m 3/110yd, ch, £6,776, 5 ran).

Jan 18, Haydock: see Avro Anson. LO STREGONE

MASTER OATS

Feb 22, Haydock, see Suny Sey.
Jan 17, Kelso, good. (11-11) 12 3rd to Seven Towers
(10-0) with Pink Bin (10-0) 104i 11th and Full Of Cals
(10-0) iel 17th (4m, hoap ch, £20,903, 13 ran) Nov 30, 1996, Newbury, good; (11-0) (63 3rd to Coome Hill (10-0) with Dextre Dove (10-1) 33'4|5th, Feathered Gale (10-11) further 18I 6th and Grange Brake (9-12) 3rd when unseating last (3m 2f 110yd, grade III hosp ch, £48,283, 11 ran).

SUNY BAY Feb 22, Haydock, good. (10-8) best into The Rad (10-0) 191 with Lo Stregone (10-9) 491-1 5th (3m 41 110vd, grade ill hoap ch. £50,256, 5 ran)
Nov 20, 1926, Kempton, good to soft (11-7) 391 5th to Trying Again (11-3) (2m 41 10vd, hoap ch. £4,715, 7 ran).
Mar 23, 1996, Newbury, soft (11-12) best Do Ba Bref (10-8) 131 with Turning Trix (11-3) 16/3rd (3m, hoap ch. £7,064, 7 ran)

FEATHERED GALE Mar 2, Leopardslown; see Wylde Hide Dec 27, Leopardstown; see New Co. Nov 30, 1996, Newbury: see Lo Stregone. AVRO ANSON

Feb 1, Sandown: see Dextra Dove. Jan 18, Haydock, good to firm: (10-7) % 3rd to Jodams (11-10) with Nahthen Lad (11-4) pulled up before 14th and Grange Brake (10-7) pulled up before 4 out (3m, grade II hoap ch, £24,776, 6 ran).

BELMONT KING Mar 8, Chepslow, good to soft (12-0) 71 2nd to Gwentime (10-01) with Spuffington (10-2) 61 3rd. General Wolfe (11-12) disnote 4th, Bishops Hall (12-0) pulled up 3 out (3m 21 110yd, heap of 18,432, 7 ran) Dec 7, 1996 Chepsiow, good fo soft, (10-8) beat Trying Agam (11-1) 1 kil with Grange Brake (10-5) 16k4 5th (3m, heap ch, £18,822, 7 ran)

BUCKBOARD BOUNCE

Mar 29, Cartisle, good to soft (12-0) 33/ 8th of 12 to Swambister (10-9) (2m 4t, bosp holle, £2,885, 12 ran) BISHOPS HALL

Mar 8, Chepstow: see Belmont King Mar 30, 1996, Liverpool see Antonir LORD GYLLENE

Mar 15, Uttoweter, good: (11-10) 71 2nd to Seven Towers (10-8) with Killeshin (10-13) turther 121 4th and Scribbler (10-0) fell 3 out (4m 2f, grade III, hcap ch, \$30,967, 10 ran) Feb 8, Uttoxeter, good. (11-9) beet Mudahim (11-2) 8l 4th (4m 2f, hczp ch, £24,137, 9 ran) WYLDE HIDE

Mar 2, Leopardstown, soft. \$1-9) beat Monalee River (10-12) 4½ with Feathered Gale (12-0) 30% last (2m 5i, hoap ch. £6,850, 5 ran) Dec 27, 1996, Leopardslown: see New Co. Mar 30, 1996, Liverpool, see Antonin.

DEXTRA DOVE Feb 22, Kempton, good (11-3) pulled up 15th to Mudahim (10-2) (3m, grade III, hospich, £30,380 9 ran) Feb 1 Sandown, good to firm (11-2) beat Northern Hide (10-5) 2¹/₂1 with Avro Anson (11-8) unseating neer 11th and Go Ballistic (11-0) tell 18th (3m 110yd hospich, C21,000 6 ran)

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Mar 11, Chellenharn, good: (11-4) beat Steler Stephanie (11-2) head with River Mandate (11-2) 113rd and Smith's Band (12-0) pulled up 3 out (3m, hoap ch, £4,827, 5 ran) Dec 21, 1996, Ascot see Go Belliatio

Mar 23, 1996, Newbury, see Surry Bay RIVER MANDATE

Mar 11, Cheltenham see Grange Brake. Mar 1, Newbury: see Turning Trix

GRANGE BRAKE Mar 11, Chellenham, good (10-4) 451 10th to Flyer's Nap (11-2) with River Mandete (10-2) tell 12th (3m 11, hoap ch, £34,414, 14 ran) Mar 1, Newbury see Turning Trix. Jan 20, 1996. Haydock, solf (10-7) \(\frac{1}{2}\) 2nd to Scotton Banks (11-6) (3m, grade if, hoap ch, £18,570, 6 ran) Jen 18, Haydock see Avro Anson Dec 7, 1996, Chepslow see Belmont King.

Mar 12, Chattenham see Northern Hide Jan 23, Gowarn Park, good (10-5) 31 3rd to Couldni Be Better (12-0) with Back Bar (10-0) 331 7th and Nuaffe (10-4) 441 10th (3m, grade II, heap ch, 14 ran) Dec 27, 1996, Leopardstown, good to yielding: (10-6) beat Wylde Hide (11-2) 11 with Back Bar (10-5) 81/4 4th, Antonin (11-7) 14/4 5th, Feathered Gale (11-9) 291 7th and Nuaffe (11-6) fell (3m, grade II, heap ch, 17 ran) Nov 30, 1996, Newbury: see Lo Stregone EVANGELICA

Jan 16, Taunton, good to firm: (11-6) 2th 2nd to Woodlands Genhire (10-0) with Käleshin (11-7) pulled up 17th (4m 21 110yd, ficap ch. £6,938, 10 ran) BACK BAR

Mar 18, Leopardslown, good (11-3) distance 4th to Moscow Express (11-13) (2m 4), hdle, £3,083, 4 ran) Jan 23 Gowran Park see New Co Dec 27, 1996, Leopardstown: see New Co.

DAKYNS BOY Feb 15, Chepstow: see Spuffington
Feb 1, Chepstow: see Full Of Oats
Dec 7, 1996, Chepstow, good to soit, (11-2) 214 2nd to
Samilee (10-4) with Full Of Oats (10-10) sh hd 3rd (3m
2) 110yd, hcap ch, 27,126, 7 hm).

SCRIBBLER

Mar 15, Uticaeter see Lord Gyllene dan 15, Chepstow: see Spuffington. CELTIC ABBEY

Mar 13, Chellenham, good (12-0) 19% 4th to Fantus (12-0) (3m 2i 110yd, hunter ch, £19,868, 18 ran) **FULL OF OATS**

Mar 1, Werwick, good (10-13) 1½ 3rd to Jurasac Classic with Killeshin (11-10) 714th (3m 5t, hcap ch, 9 ran) Feb 1, Chepstow, good (10-11) 1113rd to Fiyer's Nap (11-7) with Daklyris Boy (11-1) 1414 (4th, Killeshin (11-10) 43'41 5th (3m 5t 110yd, hcap ch, £10,202, 8 ran) Jan 17, Kelso see Lo Stregona.

CAMELOT KNIGHT Mar 11, Cheltenham, good (10-6) 29% 6th to King Luciter (11-5) (3m 11, heap ch, 921,363 11 ran) MUGONI BEACH

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NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS JOCKEYS



Headington girls take to the water

By JOHN GOODBODY

MANY sports are better taught to youngsters by using small-sized equipment or pitches. Youngsters do not have the physique or ability to learn correct skills on the facilities and implements of

It has long been the accepted practice to coach football on small-sided pitches. Athletics has lighter weights for the throwing events. Cricket has smaller bats, balls, stumps and pitches, while tennis has a popular version of the game short tennis.

Rowing, too, is adapting. Headington School, Oxford, is extremely unusual in having purpose-built boats, which are



shorter, narrower and lighter, for their pupils to learn sculiing. Girls as young as 11 years old are acquiring the necessary skills in scaled-down versions of full-sized boats.

coaching, said: "Traditionally, youngsters started to learn in what looked like bath tubs. They were sculling with their arms round their ears and then aimost had to relearn the skills when they got into

racing boats." The Amateur Rowing Asso-ciation prohibits actual rowing until girls are 16 years old, because otherwise it might hamper their long-term physical development. However, sculling is encouraged. So the Headington girls acquire the necessary technique suitable for children as light as 35kg. The boats are smaller, with the rigging narrower.

Partridge said: "Girls of that

Andrea Lomas, 13, right, and Claire Painter, 14, of Headington School, Oxford, in purpose-built sculls. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

size do not have the height or arm-span to use adult boats or cars. By using smaller equipment, you get them to row the correct length of stroke."

The girls are initially taught in the school's swimming pool to learn the basic balance and water skills. They then transfer to Hinksey Lake, outside

Partridge said: "Safety is at premium. Before anyone starts, they have to be able to swim 100 metres. While on the lake they are always within 45 seconds of an adult."

Only after this initial training are they allowed on the river. They can then attend any of the seven weekly ses-

King's College School, Wimbledon, will return to London this week after a series of successes in perhaps the world's largest rowing regatta, the Maadi Cup, in New Zealand, KCS, top of the medals table in the 1996 British schools rowing championships, won four titles in an event that

quad, under-19 coxed quad and the under-19 coxed four, and was also second in two machine at home. "I would like to do really well in the sport," she said. "My mum is keen for me to do well aca-

demically, but I believe I can

larly likes being in quads. There are so many people. It Headington began the sport in 1992, largely because the girls pointed out that there Claire has become so enthusiastic about the activity that was a river nearby that they were not using. Some of the

money for the small boats was raised through Sportsmatch.

attracted 1,600 competitors from New

Zealand, Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. KCS finished first in

the under-15 coxed quad, under-16 coxed

Last year only Lady Eleanor Holles, in Middlesex, of girls' schools, finished ahead of Headington in the medals table at the national rowing championships. Headington

bers for the British junior squad. One is Tamsin Roberts, 16, who began sculling at the school. "I felt that other sports weren't really me. The success I enjoyed in sculling motivated me," she said.

She admits that she does not find training "the nicest thing". Tamsin still exercises 14 hours a week, either on the river or using weights and ergometers.

However you have to do it to get the results," she said. "Some other girls think we must be mad to row when there is only the odd victory now and then. However, it means so much more to you

Anglers cannot afford climate of indifference

Brian Clarke on the lethal downward spiral caused by prolonged drought

ight years of drought and their likely effect on water supplies have been much in the news. Few anglers under-stand the implications for their sport, The start of a new trout season, after the two driest years since records began, seems a good time to make them plain. Profound changes, for game anglers especially, are under

Rainfall figures are a mat-ter of record. Many upland rivers are squeezing be-tween the stones. More insidiously, the underground aquifers - the great, cavernous sponges that give rise to the springs that feed rivers and lakes in much of the South and East - are at an historical low just when they should be at their fullest.

Such rain as falls this year is unlikely to help, even in the short term. It is winter rain that counts. Summer rain is mostly taken up by plants and evaporated by the sun. At the same time, as usual in summer, demand for water will soar. Reservoirs look set to shrink within their cracked-tile margins. Abstraction will suck more from the already parched ground.

A lethal downward spiral, for this year at least, looks inevitable. All water life is going to feel the effect. Anglers, especially those who fish for cold-water species such as trout, will see a deadly scramble for life from

ciose up. The progres-sion will be most life will evident on rivbe involved ers. Falling water icvels will in deadly mean fewer places where fish can live. scramble' Competition for

the best places and then for any places at all — will increase. Fish unable to find lies that can provide them with sufficient food and security will weaken and die.

As water levels continue to fall, the remaining fish will retreat into the de pools, where they will become vulnerable to poachers and predators. In particular, fish losses to cormorants on shrinking waters could be locally catastrophic.

Through it all, farming will go on and, as a result. more chemicals will be sprayed onto the land. Little by little they will leach into the water, less diluted. The insects that many fish eat, having already been thinned by their own shrinking habitat will take a second hit from poisons. The fish will now not only have less space, but less

Summer, if it is a typical summer, will move on. As the weather warms, so the water will warm - and as the water warms, so the levels of oxygen dissolved in it will drop. Now, fish being jammed together in exposed places with an inadequate food supply will begin to

have breathing problems. Without substantial heavy rain and unseasonably dull, cold weather, the spiral will quicken. Hot, sunny weather and less dilution for fertilizers will see the power of modern chemicals at work, not only on crops but also on plant life in the water, and significantly on algae. Dense growths of blanket

weed, a suffocating algae that can, in such conditions, fill a river from bed to surface and bank to bank, will result. When night falls, algae will stop pouring out the oxygen that photosynthesis has produced and carbon dioxide levels in the water will rise. The breathing problems of fish such as trout will intensify and, in extreme cases, fish will die.

As if this appalling secnario was not enough, other, subtle changes already begun on many rivers will spread. Reduced water velocities will mean more silt on the stream bed. More silt and reduced flows will lead to changes in plant life. Changes in plant life, increased silt and reduced axygen levels will lead to changes in insect populations and to steep declines in the species that have traditionally formed the basis of the fly-fisher's art.

If this summer follows the pattern of those of late, all of these changes will be seen this season. If the drought and warm summers continue, as experts predict, an-giers will find themselves looking not only at the occasional dire year, but also at a very different kind of sport. Warm-water fish. such as carp, will thrive. Trout fishing will, quite

literally, dry up.
Through it all, angling's representative bodies have vital roles to play. The Anglers' Conser-

vation Associ-'All water ation sport's legal arm - is gaing to be busier than ever. The Salmon and Trout Association, as the most active political lobby, and the National

Federation of Anglers, which has the most members, will need to make their new-found single voice piercingly heard. Special-interest groups, among them the recently formed Wild Trout Society, will

need to attack and harry. Above all, the role of the Environment Agency (EA). which this month marks its first anniversary, is going to be critical. The EA combines the responsibilities of the former National Rivers Authority (NRA) with pollution and waste regulation. It is now responsible for the quality of air, land and

water together.

The NRA, which focused solely on water, managed for all its imperfections to get to grips with many of the issues that are vital to anglers. It brought science and, on occasion, real clout to bear. Since it was first mooted, angiers have feared that the EA's wider and often competing responsibilities will cause it to lose the focus on fisheries that the NRA achieved.

The EA itself must ensure that this does not happen. Anglers, who fund the EA's fisheries function, have a right to expect it not to happen.

In the world we are facing, stocks everywhere are going to need all the help they can get. Everyone concerned with fisheries is going to have to be on their toes. The changing climate will prove challenge enough.

Brian Clarke's angling column appears on the first Monday of each month.

BASKETBALL

Leicester quick to repay Donewald

By Nicholas Harling

(F EVER there was vindication for foresight, it came with the qualification of Leicester Riders for the Budweiser League play-offs. Just 48 hours after he had signed a two-year extension to his contract as coach. Bob Donewald steered them into eighth place and two meetings next weekend with Leopards, the champions.

"I made up my mind some time ago that I wanted Bob to stay," Kevin Routledge, the Leicester chairman, said. "I like the way the guys play for him and I like the way he

Under Donewald, 27. easily the league's youngest coach, Leicester had competed for the best part of the season with Derby Storm for the last place in the play-offs. When Derby beat the Riders a fortnight ago, it looked as though their East Midlands rivals would go through but, with the Storm defeated 91-80 at home by Sheffield Sharks on Saturday, Leicester were able to celebrate their own 96-94 vic-

tory over Birmingham Bullets. "We're delighted and excited to be there," Donewald said. "We've not even come close to beating the Leopards this season so we know it's going to be tough, but at least we've fulfilled our ambitions by getting this far."

Leon McGee, with 31 points.

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was Leicester's leading scorer, but the most courageous act came from Justine Phoenix, who collected 16 points - and the last decisive rebound only two hours after having a plaster cast removed from his right hand. He had even gone to the consultants in his kit, ready to play. "Considering that he was in pain he played extremely well." Donewald

The Riders had come from 70-57 down and were still 92-89 adrift going into the last two minutes when McGee, Phoenix and Gene Waldron came up with the all-important baskets to leave both the game's outstanding marksmen, Nigel Lloyd, who scored 32 points, and Tony Dorsey, who scored 28, among the vanguished.

Jimmy Ratliff experienced the same fate for the Storm, whose coach, Jeff Jones, might not now enjoy the kind of job security afforded Donewald. Mike Horton, the Derby chairman, is known to be

extremely ambitious. With the help of 30 points from the prolific James Hamilton, Worthing Bears compensated for their failure to reach the play-offs for the first time in seven years by beating Chester Jets — who have qualified for the first time -

SNOOKER: WELSHMAN TRIUMPHS AS WORLD CHAMPION BLAMES BURN-OUT

Williams keeps Hendry out of frame

sions under the supervision of

the four-strong coaching team.

Andrea Lomas, 13, and Claire

Painter, 14, have been sculling

for two years. Andrea particu-

is like a team," she said.

STEPHEN HENDRY fell victim to his own consistency and the refusal of Mark Williams to be intimidated by reput-ation when he suffered a surprise defeat in the final of the British Open at Plymouth on Saturday.

Hendry's 9-2 reversal was his heaviest in a final, eclipsing 10-4 defeats by Jimmy White at the 1991 Mercantile Classic and Steve Davis at the 1993 European Open, it also ended a sequence of 11 successful final appearances for the Scot stretching back to the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters of 1995. While Hendry laid the

competitive tatigue, there was no hint of sour grapes. Hendry magnanimously described Williams as "a phenomenal talent", but did not allow the occasion to pass without criticising what he regards as an unreasonable tournament calendar.

Hendry, winner of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge, Regal Weish Open. international Open and Irish Masters during the first three months of the year, had also figured in two quarter-finals and a semi-final before travelling to Plymouth.
There was nothing left in

the tank," Hendry said. "I've played an awful lot of snooker

blame squarely at the door of week in, week out lately and I months, after triumphs at the have simply run out of steam. There are too many events and that's why I was pleased to hear that two ranking tournaments are being dropped from the schedule next season.

"After a result like this I am entitled to feel absolutely gutted, but I don't. It just wasn't me out there. I'm glad I'll be able to take a few days rest to recharge the batteries before the world championship, because they are badly needed at the moment."

While the conclusion that Hendry's burn-out influenced the outcome was inescapable, it would also be unfair to suggest that Williams's capture of a third title in 15

Welsh Open and Grand Prix last year, was merely due to his opponent's ineffectiveness. True, Hendry capitulated

only 50 minutes into the evening's play as Williams converted a 5-2 first session lead into victory. However, by then, the damage had been done as the Welshman compiled breaks of 56, 50, 68, 66, and 59 to assume control. To beat the greatest player

in history by such a huge margin is unreal. I think it will take a long time for this to sink in," Williams, who collected a first prize of £60,000, said. RESULT: M Williams (Weles) bt S Hendry (Scot) 9-2 Framo noures (Williams first) 66-61, 7-61, 8-60, 87-0 75-31, 69-20, 73-48, 75-16, 75-8, 61-44, 61-21.

SPEEDWAY: PETERBOROUGH OWNER GAMBLES ON INTRODUCING NEW TEAM

Oakes ready to branch out in Skegness

BY TONY HOARE

SPEEDWAY sails into uncharted waters this weekend when Skegness Stadium becomes the second new venue in two years to open its doors to the sport.

After a 12-year period without the launch of a new club, 1996 saw the arrival of Wight Wizards on the Isle of Wight and the Skegness promotion has taken its cue from the island club. Ryde was the financial success story of

last year, attracting large crowds by speedway standards (1,500-2,000), and

Peter Oakes, the Skegness promoter,

admits that the Wizards' achievement

provided the main incentive to launch the new club on the Yorkshire coast. "It was the one major factor in deciding to do it," Oakes said. "People had said you could never be successful with speedway. but Ryde never ran a meeting in the

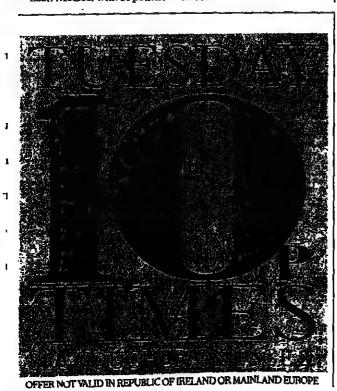
holiday season, yet were incredibly successful." Oakes is a former national newspaper journalist who took control of Peterborough when they were on the brink of extinction in 1992 and turned them into one of the country's most successful teams. He has entered the Skegness, Braves into the Premier League to act as a

sister track to Peterborough, of the Elite

League, but confesses he is nervous about the new venture.

This is the sort of gamble that gives you sleepless nights," Oakes said, "There has been a very heavy investment to get Skegness up and running. You wake up with that recurring nightmare that there will not be a single person in the stadium." In contrast to the Amateur League set-up at Ryde, Oakes has to pay wages to his riders.

"We are not expecting to win championships and cups this year," he said. "Skegness has never had speedway before and we hope people will come along and



TODAY FOOTBALL.

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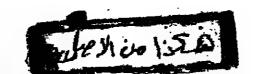
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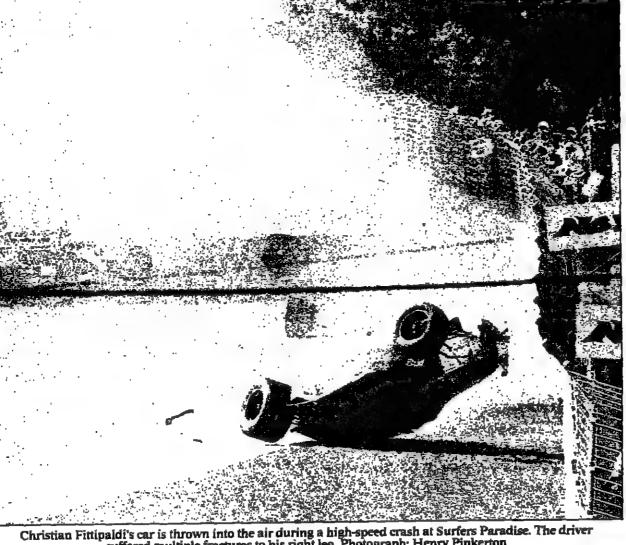
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Christian Fittipaldi's car is thrown into the air during a high-speed crash at Surfers Paradise. The driver suffered multiple fractures to his right leg. Photograph: Henry Pinkerton

CYCLING

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TOUR OF FLANDERS: World Cup: (Saint Natholes to Mexibele, 25%) 1. R. Scrensen (Ned) Roboban Str 57mm 01zec 2. F. Moncasam (Pr) at 5sec 3. F. Balletin (th) 4. 4. A. Tomind (July) same time 5, D. Casarotto (th) 20. 6. C. Chaspurco (th) 21 Leading standings: 1, 17/4, 15/55, 2. Rabotom) 12, 3, Polit 16: 4. Rosiono 10: 5, Teletom 10: 6, GAN 9. TOUR OF THE FENS (Burned to Combindoeshire 37 mals) 1 A Hordy (unant 3.80.39 2 S Whight (Apollo RT) at Sear 3 M Wordsworth (Commission RC) same time EAST BRADFORD CC (Wibsev, 71 miles) 1, R Clough (Sirciford Wheeters) 2, 40,38, 2 C Young (Pace Racing) same time, 3, G Turnbulf (GS Metro) at 1,30

Road racing

CONCORDE RC (Colochel to Warwot-shire, 86 miles) 1 M Jones (Paramouni CRT) 2 86 40; 2 M Blythe (Choltenham and County CC) 3 N Martin (Chi the Edge RT) both same time VC BRISTOL (Croud of the Mendips, 86 miles) 1 P Foley (Heron RC) 2*2200; 3; C Canetracta (Chellenham and County CC) same time 3 G Hobbs (Single Track Bit 93) at 15sec at 1566 BROMSGROVE OLYMPIQUE: BCF Nat-lonal Veterans' Series: (Cockhill, 79 Nationalites) 1, P. Gallowey (Middindge CRT) 0,02.65, 2, V. Smith (Hometh CC), at 3,660, 3, R. House (Bossion RC) at 23660. Time-trials

NEWARK CASTLE CC (two-up. 25 miles):
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MORAY FIRTH CC (Loch Ness, 25 miles) 1, A Whigh (Sandy Walface Cycles) 59:46; 2 M Van der Viles (Moray Firth CC) 1:00:10; 3, D Brandle (Moray Firth CC) 1:02:08 Team: Moray 3:08.48 TEESDALE SPORTING (Co Durham, 24.4 miles), 1. N. Jackson (Cleveland Wheelers) 55 D4 (course record); 2. S. Fusieron (Riccimend and Derlington CC) 57 11; 3. J. Herrison (North Winal Velo) 57 34, Team; Stockton 258-55

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If you've got a sense of adventure and a head for heights, you'll have a whale of a time, says Ronald Gribble

Cook's tour with thrills but no frills

ould you jump at the chance to live like an 18th-century sailor, sail a square-rigger. sleep in a hammock, hoist the sails, climb the rigging, take the helm and fire the cannon? The fantasy became a reality for Gerald Collins, a 54-year-old retired publican from Cork, in the Irish Republic, who has just spent five months sailing from Australia to London on the £8 million replica of Captain Cook's ship Endeavour. "As an ex-merchant seaman l always had a yearning to travel on an old-style sailing ship." he said. "It's a Boy's Own adventure come true."
Gerald paid £25,000 to make the £2,000-

mile journey as a passenger, but if you are fit, do not suffer from seasickness and are not afraid of heights, you may qualify to join the 36-strong amateur crew. They will assist the 14 paid professionals on the

ship's seven-month tour of Britain.
I joined the Endeavour at Tenerife for a four-day sail to Madeira and soon got a taste of life as an old sea dog. Some of the crew looked like pirates with earrings, tattoos and bandannas. But these energetic men and women from Australia, Britain, New Zealand and South Africa turned out to be a friendly bunch.

When personal space consists of just a locker, and you share a tiny washroom, cram into a small mess room for meals and sleep shoulder-to-shoulder in swinging hammocks, you soon begin to look and feel like a pirate yourself.

ironically, when the original Endeav-our arrived in Rio de Janeiro on November 13, 1768, Cook and his crew had to wait six weeks for clearance until the Portuguese administrator was convinced that they were Royal Navy sailors

and not pirates. We were woken at about six each morning with a blast of music and expected to wash and stow our hammocks away before breakfast. One morning forgot to clear my bedding first thing and later found it dumped on a wet top deck. I got the message.

There was never an idle moment. Besides sailing the ship, the crew split into 12-strong "watches" and took turns at cleaning below decks each morning. Up top, the ship's maintenance - sanding, varnishing, painting and tarring - went on all day, and watch was kept around the clock. Night shift was the worst.

One female crew member summed it up: "When you have to rise at midnight and spend the next four hours changing the sails in the dark, you know what hard work is all about. Your arms ache and your hands get covered in tar and blisters. Then it's back to bed for a couple of hours' sleep before being woken for breakfast. But just try and stop me going to sea. I love it, especially climbing the masts."

A male crew member added: "One of the questions on the application form asked whether I was prepared to go aloft to a height of 140ft in all weathers. I had never climbed rigging before, but I wanted to go, so I said yes. The first time got to the top I was so exhilarated that I didn't sleep for two nights. I was on such a high. Up there you are above 10,500 square feet of canvas, the deck looks like a matchbox and the view is fantastic."

The voungest member of the crew, 18year-old Karl Johnston from Whitby in North Yorkshire - home of the original Endeavour and where Captain Cook served his apprenticeship - joined the ship in Cape Town and had his £2,700

crew fee paid by sponsorship. A sea cadet, he had deferred his A levels for a year so that he could make the trip. "I wanted something special to put on my application form when I apply to join the



Bottoms up: crew members hang over the bow in the Atlantic as they furl the sails for the night. Watch is kept around the clock and a hand always at the helm

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Royal Marines," he said. "We have seen whales, porpoises, Portuguese men-of-war and flying fish. I went for a swim in the doldrums near the Equator. The next day we saw sharks in the area. I hope to take the helm when we reach Whitby on May 10. All the hotels are already booked for Endeavour's arrival and they are planning to release 4,000 balloons as she sails into the harbour. It'll be great."

Steven Maycock. 37, an aircraft engineer from Caernarvon. North Wales. decided to give up a well-paid job with the Ministry of Defence in Saudi Arabia after reading about Endeavour's voyage in The Times. The £15,000 he had saved to pay off his mortgage was spent on the trip from Cape Town to London instead. A former

DO'S AND DON'TS

Do exercise, such as stretching and

Do take trainers for climbing rigging. Do take boxer shorts and a T-shirt

DON'T take a suitcase or too many

DON'T forget to take a torch. It's

DON'T take your own rations. You

will get three good meals a day. DON'T take tobacco or alcohol. They

clothes. The lockers are very smail.

jogging, before joining the ship. Do take seasickness pills, just in case.

Do take some warm clothing

watch can be particularly cold.

for sleeping in your hammock.

very dark below deck at night.

are strictly banned on ship. DON'T worry. If you are fit, you'll

have a great time. Good luck.

spritely former squadron leader from Mandurah, Perth, joined Steven as a paying passenger. He said: "I followed the building of Endeavour in Fremantle, Australia, and decided to make the

voyage to England. It's cost me £15,000. I could have bought a spanking new four-wheel drive for the money, but the memories of this trip will

member of an RAF

mountain rescue team.

he said: "I was seasick for

the first four days. But I

soon recovered and have

Des McLean, 61, a

enjoyed every minute."

Colin Graham, a 6ft 2in crewcut cameraman from Perth, is making a film of Endeavour's voyage for Australia's Channel Nine television and world networks. He took to climbing the rigging like a spider. For the first time in my life I have ex-seaman. On the first occasion I climbed the mast I rang and told him I felt I could do anything. He said: 'I know what you

mean, son. You discover yourself at sea." We followed the northeast trade winds for 400 miles at about six to seven knots and rarely saw an aircraft, let alone another ship. Our only companions in the Atlantic were dolphins which swam and

dived on each side of the bow. During safety drill, Geoff, the first mate, showed us how to put on lifejackets in case we had to abandon ship. "Make sure the straps are tight or the jacket will come off when you hit the water," he said. "When you go over the side, hold your

hands firmly over your drowned when he began to lose consciousness after only 12 minutes in the water.

mouth and nose and

don't release them until

barked: "Ron! Lend a hand." Not know-

ing whether it was an exercise or the real

thing, I did not argue. As we pulled on the

lines to change the sails and stall the ship.

a rescue powerboat with two crewmen in

wetsuits was lowered into the choppy sea.

Sussex, cradled the rescued Scottie in her

rescue marker, I learnt, had been named

after a crew member, a strong swimmer.

Later, Tina Jackson from Bognor Regis.

you surface. Conserve reported Captain Chris Blake, the ship's your energy and don't try to swim. Wait until you British master. "It was better than last time, but we can speed it up. OK. back to are rescued." That safety lesson was Blake, 51, is one of the most experienced to become frighteningly captains of sailing ships in the world. He real the next day. "Man

joined the Merchant Navy at 15 and got overboard," came the cry his master's ticket in 1972. After serving as I sat in the stern sunning myself. "We with P&O and sailing on the Princess line he captained the tall ships Malcolm have a man overboard on Miller and the Winston Churchill. "Endeavour is like a university course in sail the port side," blared the intercom. "It's Scottie. All training. She is unique." he said. hands on deck." As I went into journalist Later that day he received a radio mode and grabbed my camera, an officer

"That rescue took seven minutes,"

message that the Malcolm Miller was in the area and arranged to rendezvous for a "battle" at sea. The cannons were rammed with a small amount of gunpowder and rolled-up newspapers, and bal-loons were filled with water as ammunition for our deckside catapult.

The training ship sailed into sight with her fire hoses at the ready to drench us. As rotten fruit by her crew. We fired our cannon, showering them with confetti, who had fallen overboard and almost and launched a salvo of water balloons,

HOW TO JOIN UP

 Crew members must be aged between 18-35 and have some sailing experience, preferably on tall ships.
Crew fees are from £245 to £825.
Non-sailors can join the ship as paying passengers. A 12-day voyage costs £4,400. Ring the Endeavour Foundation, 0181-293 5522.

making half a dozen direct hits. Both ships retired with a round of cheers. Last year when Endeavour fired a blank at the inquisitive crew of an American battleship which came to close in the Indian Ocean, a startled US Marine fell and broke a limb. A puzzled Pentagon received the signal: "Attacked by an 18th-

century warship. One casualty."

Cook might have fired a warning shot, too. The 41 survivors of the Endeavour's original 94 crew did not learn of peace in Europe and that trade conflicts with America had been settled until June 1771. at the end of their three-year voyage.

Among our professional crew were an English couple, Danny and Caroline McDermott, both 36, who emigrated to Australia seven years ago. Danny, a shipwright from Land's End, was part of the team that spent five years building the Endeavour. Caroline. from Ealing, west London, who is the ship's curator and steward, said: "At one time, the ship rolled so far over that the cannons got wet. We could pour out only half cups of tea. We are travelling with Endeavour to America and by the time we get back to Australia in the year 2000 we will have sailed around the world."

At about 4am on my last day on board ship, as Endeavour approached Madeira. i was woken and called up on deck. "Look. over there," pointed Caroline. Lighting up the inky-black sky like a football-sized Catherine wheel was the comet Hale-Bopp. On August 30, 1769, Cook noted in his diary that they had seen a comet just a month before they sighted New Zealand. Perhaps it was our guiding light, too.

ON EXHIBITION

 The Endeavour is on exhibition at Greenwich Pier until April 13 from 10am to 7pm. Admission prices are E5 adults, children £2.50. Family tickets. 512.50. Details: 0181 293 5522. She will then be at Great Yarmouth (April 19-28). Boston (May 2-5), Whithy (May 10-18), Leith, Edinburgh (May 24-June I), Inverness (June 7-15), Greenock (June 28-July 6), Liverpool (July 11-20). Fishguard (July 26-August 3), Falmouth (August 9-17), Plymouth August 23-31). Wevmouth (September 6-9), Brighton (September 13-21). St Helier, Jersey (September 27-(October 7-12). Endeavour returns to Plymouth on October 17 to prepare for her voyage to the United States.

SPORTS LETTERS

The umpire strikes back

From Dr R. E. M. Irving Sir. Is there not a simple solutions to the problem posed by Simon Barnes ("Art of getting away with it". Midweek View, April 2)? It certainly seemed to me as a non-oarsman quite incredible that the Cambridge cox got away with over 30 warnings without any action being taken by the

Why does the umpire not call out "Cambridge (or Oxford): first warning", and so on up to fourth and final warning? If either cox receives a fifth warning, his/her crew is disqualified. Coxes would then be extremely wary about "playing the umpire" after the third warning.

Yours faithfully, R. E. M. IRVING, 43 Ormidale Terrace. Edinburgh 12.

From Mr M. Grosvenor Myer

Sir, Steven Redgrave (report March 31) was quite right, of course; but he misses the point that University Boat Race crews are not supposed to be able to compete with international or world championship finalists' eights — any more than, say, student actors or debaters can expect to compete with the National Theatre or the House of Lords.

Their publicly observed activities are pursued on an amateur basis in such time as can be spared from their proper business of reading for their degrees or pursuing their research.

Yours truly. MICHAEL GROSVENOR 34 West End, Haddenham. Cambridge.

Better way to choose team From Mr S. J. Blake

Sir, The debate over the selection of Europe's Ryder Cup team (report, March 26) seems to neglect an important consideration. Instead of arguing whether Severiano Ballesteros should have two or four personal choices, surely we should be considering whether a ranking-list compiled from European Tour earnings is the most appropriate basis for selection.

A ranking system which takes into account performances in all tournaments worldwide would be much more appropriate. This would allow players such as Nick Faldo to qualify for the Ryder Cup team on merit while continuing to pursue a path which they believe will produce maximum benefit to their own game.

Furthermore, there is no need to devise a new ranking

From Mr Iwan Fox Sir, So, Gerald Davies believes club rugby in Wales is in good health (report, March 31). It seems that he suffers

from the unlikely Welsh phenomenon of eternal optimism. Welsh club rugby is, by common consent of those who watch the game throughout its playing structure, in a dire moribund condition. Clubs in debt, the Welsh Rugby Union in malaise, poor coaching, overpaid and undertalented players, all encompassed by a national side playing to a brave but ultimately flawed commitment to a brand of rugby that is leaving the

nation in the European second division of the sport. The overall health of the game has shown signs of

system as an entirely appropriate one already exists in the form of the Sony world rankings.

I would propose that Europe's Ryder Cup team consist of the 12 highest ranked Europeans in these rankings. All whose form is good enough to deserve selection would thereby be included, but all selections would be as the result of objective assessments, so controversial, subjective decisions would be avoided. This would prevent the acrimony of previous selections, eg. José Rivero rather than Christy O'Connor Ir in the match at The Belfry in

It is too late to select the 1997 team on this basis, but could this system not be implemented for 1999?

Yours faithfully, STUART J. BLAKE, 142 St Stephen Street. Edinburgh 3.

Unlikely optimism

terminal decline for over 20 years. The latest attempts of the WRU to camouflage its decay with grandiose plans for the new national stadium and proposed entry to a Super 12 series for our leading teams being like a prescription for a cancer patient being told a facelift and stomach tuck is the

I hope that Davies turns his keen eve in future to the fuller picture of the Welsh game, not ust to its high-profile, scruffily painted frame.

Yours etc. IWAN FOX, 52 King Street, Blaenavon, Gwent.

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Techniques of running

From Mr R. E. Kemp Sir, The most significant phrase in Bryant's Eye (March 27) was: "... you cannot do much to change the form that you have grown up with." It is difficult to alter established patterns, but it can be done, and, having been allowed to develop through the years of Paula Radcliffe's

promise, it should be done. Such problems will continue to arise while coaches have to specialise as early as stage two of their qualifications. A large proportion opt to become middle-distance coaches, but I have met few who recognise that events longer than 400 metres have a technical element. Those who do often claim lack of time for such work and their athletes continue to churn out mileage and

compound the faults. It takes little effort to develop good style early on and much, often heartbreaking, work to cure bad habits.

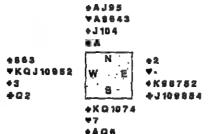
Of the athletes cited Emil Zatopek was so far ahead of his opposition in his training methods in 1952 that his style was immaterial and, unorthodox as it may seem, there is not a superfluous movement in Michael Johnson's running and his lower-leg strength is phenomenal.

It was no coincidence either that Sebastian Coe's father/ coach was an engineer who understood principles of me-chanical movement, but Rad-cliffe can take heart from Valeri Borzov whose running was taken apart and rebuilt. from the ankles up, to take him to double Olympic gold.

Yours etc., R. E. KEMP, 69 Bradgate Road, Nottingham.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE By Robert Sheehan, Bridge correspondent

This freakish deal cropped up in a 1963 Gold Cup match: Dealer North



+K783 Contract: Six Species by South. Lead: king of hearts

assume North opened One Heart and South responded One Spade. I do not know how the bidding went from there, but the final contract is a good

South was no doubt unhappy to see dummy's ace of hearts ruffed at trick one. East returned a diamond, leaving declarer with no option but to finesse. When that succeeded, he cashed the club ace, played a trump to hand, cashed the king of clubs, ruffed a club, played a trump to hand and ruffed his last club. In dummy for the last time, he now had to finesse a diamond, and West ruffed to beat the slam. Unlucky? Perhaps, but there is a better line.

Declarer tried to set up the wrong hand - he should have ruffed hearts in his own hand rather than clubs in dummy. Win the jack of diamonds at trick two, ruff a heart, play a club to the ace and another heart. Now a spade to dummy and a third heart ruff leaves declarer with one trump left in hand, which he can overtake in dummy to draw West's trumps. All he has to do is take another diamond finesse for his slam. In total he makes four spade tricks in dummy, three heart ruffs in hand, three diamonds and two clubs.

The winning line is an example of 'dummy reversal', the technique in which extra tricks are generated by taking ruffs in the long-trump hand. The skill was in envisaging the ending when the diamond finesse held at trick two.

The 1997 Bridge Player's Calendar contains 365 problems from the world's too players, one to each tear-off page, with the solution on the back. Originally sold at £13.99, you can now order one for E5 (postage paid) from Mr Bridge, Ryden Grange, Bisley. Surrey GU21 2TH.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

GREMIAL

a. A Revolutionary month b. Busty c. A scented rhododendron

TONTTRUOUS a. Cascading b. Menacing c. Thunderous

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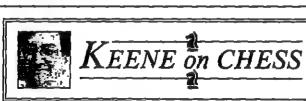
By Philip Howard GRIDE a. To begrudge b. A racing stirrup с. То эстаре

REMIPED

a. Pedestrian

b. Vexed again

c. With feet as oars Answers on page 45



BY RAYMOND KEENE CWESS CORRESPONDENT

Exiled champion

Curiously, just as Philidor, the first great French chess master, was exiled from Paris to London so. France, has acquired its own modern world champion, Boris Spassky.

Today I conclude my series on French chess with the following game was played in 1972, when Spassky still repre-sented the Soviet Union. Twenty-five years ago, Spassky successfully opened his world title defence against Bobby Fischer when the American grandmaster controversially captured a white pawn on h2 and then allowed his bishop to be trapped. Experts are still debating whether Fischer might have retained drawing chances in the endgame that ensued.

White: Boris Spassky Black: Bobby Fischer World championship, Reykjavik 1972

Queen's Gambit Declined 3 Nt3 Nc3 864 0-0 e3 Bd3 0-0 CS NG6 Ba5 CXCA 9 Ne2 10 Bxc4 11 dxc5 12 Rxd1 Bb6 Qxd1 Bxc5 Be7 Bd7 13 b4 14 Bb2

Rac1 Ned4 Nxd4 Bb3

18 Bb3 19 Nxb3

Be3 Bf2 Bh4 Bg5 Be3 Kg4 Kg5 Kl5 Bt2 Kxg5 Kf5 55 Kd5 56 Kd6

RC1 SACT

Kd3 Nc4

b5 g3 ke2

Kg2 hg3

Kvg3 a4 Ba3 Bc5

Кл4

f6 Nd6

Bd8 Bc7 Bxd6 Bxh2

Kd5 Ke4

K64 K65 94 K65 K65 K65

Diagram of final position

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WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene

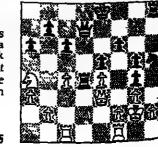
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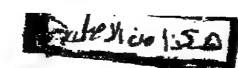
Noci4 Ba4 Bxb3

Black to play. This position is from the game Buenaventura - Ramos, Manila 1997. Black is controlling the important areas of the board. How did he now power his way through

on the kingside?

Solution on page 45





SAILING

Atlantic crossing record finally falls to flying Finn

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

ONE of the oldest records in elled a total of 3,005 miles at sailing was broken at the weekend when the Bruce Farrdesigned 80ft Grand Mistral maxi. Nicorette, skippered by Ludde Ingvall, set the fastest time for a monohull crossing of the Atlantic from New York

After being frustrated by a high-pressure system that seemed to anticipate Ingvall's every evasive move during the second half of the trip, the yacht ran gently past the Lizard at 2.57 yesterday morning to set a time of 11 days, 13 hours and 22 minutes.

Nicorette, which showed blistering speed over the first two days when she briefly touched 29.2 knots, had travan average speed of 10.83 knots. She thus comprehensively beat the record set in 1905 by the schooner, Atlantic,

Plymouth.

"Conditions were favour-able for the first few days, but

Fair wind blows for Dorset's cup hopefuls

BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE British team representing the Royal Dorset Yacht Club's planned challenge for the 2000 America's Cup. put in an impressive performance in Auckland last week, to finish second in the first of a series of "Road To America's Cup" regattas.

The British crew, skippered by Chris Law and including Lou Varney, Chris Mason. Neal McDonald, and Andy Beadsworth, beat Ed Baird's Young America syndicate from New York, Dawn Riley's San Francisco-based America True team and the France Pacifique syndicate, in the opening round-robin series.

Law then faced the world No I match-racer, Russell Coutts, who will defend the cup for New Zealand at the head of the Black Magic team, and lost 4-1. Nevertheless, it was a strong performance by the British crew. who were put together at the

The British success, however, cannot disguise the fact that the chances of a Royal Dorset syndicate actually par-

STATE RESULTS

by 14hr, 38min and 50sec.

Ingvall, a Finn based in Sweden, originally chartered the boat for the Grand Mistral round-the-world race, which is unlikely now to take place. He was delighted to have achieved his objective. "This is a fantastic achievement and a thrill for everyone who has been involved." he said as the celebrations began at the Royal Western Yacht Club, in

the high pressure made life

ticipating in the cup are

seemingly no stronger now

than they were a year ago

when the Dorset consortium.

led by Chris Witty, first

emerged. Witty needs £10-15

million to have a credible

crack at the cup and is still

In contrast to Witty, who

remains busily optimistic. Law seemed pessimistic about

the chances of a British boat

turning up in 2000. "I can't see

how all the pieces will fit

together," he was quoted as

saying, adding that he was

looking at other syndicates,

though his preference would

be to sail for Britain.

looking for it.

was one of the three helms-The sole British representative was Bob Fisher, 61, who was ready to have another go yesterday. Fisher was on board as navigator and was satisfied with his work, despite the stubborn high in the latter stages.

We have done it by a

extremely difficult for us. This

has been an experience of a

lifetime and, in many ways,

I'm sad that it has come to an

Ingvall was helped by a

young and enthusiastic crew

drawn from all over the world.

including two leading women ocean racers, Mikaela von

Koskull, from Finland, who

sailed as a watch captain, and

Adrianne Cahalan, of Austra-

lia, who recently resigned from the Elle Racing

Whitbread syndicate and who

convincing margin," he said. We are happy enough with it. have really smashed it. At one stage, eight to nine days was on the cards. The Atlantic can offer you anything. It did and we coped. One day, somebody's going to get it so right, by luck as much as anything, and they are just going to go whacking through."

Driven before a deep lowpressure system that whipped the breeze up to over 100mph. Nicorette reached the 1,000mile mark in only three days, despite a torn mainsail that was down for repairs for 13 hours. During one six-hour period the giant sloop covered 110 miles, including one 30-minute segment when she averaged 20.9 knots.

in the BT Global Chall-In the closing stages, howenge, meanwhile, Chris ever, Nicorette was reduced at Tibbs, on Concert, has taken times to just four knots and the lead from Mike Golding's put in one 189-mile day as Group 4 in the fourth leg. with fewer than 500 miles left ingvall battled to hold on to his early gains. Apart from the to Cape Town. An elated tears in the mainsail, caused Tibbs, whose yacht was disby broken battens, damage masted on the first Southern was limited to a jib that had Ocean leg, said: "Exhilarating the top ripped out and a worrying moment when one downwind sailing. Thorough of the cables linking the starly enjoying being in the lead. It's going to be an exciting finish." board wheel to the rudder



Maria Bertelli, of Manchester United Salford, who were narrowly defeated by Malory in the final of the women's National Cup in Sheffield

Tooting finalise towering achievement

David Powell, on a visit to Sheffield, finds change is afoot as

British volleyball seeks to catch up with the professionals

hen staff at the English Volleyball Association (EVA) turned up for work on the morning after the second round of the men's National Cup, something was not quite right. There was a message saying that London Malory had lost. True or hoax? "We did not believe it," Gillian Harrison, the EVA

chief executive, said. Malory had won 96 consecutive matches. "We checked with three different sources to make sure it was correct," Harrison added. It was, Tooting Aquila had defeated Malory 3-0. Worth every penny of the £700 a year it costs each Aquila player to commit to the National League and Cup. No six-figure salaries in England, like those in Italy,

Brazil and Japan. While Tooting went on to defeat City of Stoke 3-1 on finals day at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, on Saturday, it was left to the Majory women to

did not play that well."

Great Britain have never ford, but they were wearing made the Olympics at the indoor game. It began to develop in England after the Second World War, with the influx of eastern Europeans, and evidence of that influence remains to this day with the likes of Essex Estonians. Ealing Polonia and Coventry Riga playing in the National League.

The growing number of sports halls in the Seventies not just sartorially, but tactically. Indoors, there are six to a team, outdoors two. and the appointment of pro-Though Malory won 3-2, fessional staff helped to precipitate a surge of interest in the Eighties. The drive to have volleyball taught at neither Cooper nor Jefferson Williams, the coach, was impressed. This was spectator volleyball, more thrilling than classic. The suspense schools and teacher training colleges was also critical in was good, but not the volley-ball," Williams said the progress towards the present figure of 35,000 play-Venessa [Malone] was prob-

uphold club honour. Against Manchester United. OK, it

was Manchester United Sal-

Manchester United colours

and they are MUFC-

ent from the Atlanta Olympic

Games, when two Malory

players. Audrey Cooper and

Amanda Glover, were part of

the bikini set appearing in beach volleyball. Different

It was all strikingly differ-

approved.

"It was a big fight to break the traditions of rugby, cricket and football," Don Anthony, the EVA founder, said. The fight continues. "Still the people who govern sport in this country, like John Major and this Minister for Sportl lain Sproat, see the team games as football and cricket, but the big world team games are football, basketball and

For three years, 20 young players, designated as the elite Britain squad, have been based at Sheffield and Hallam universities and Sheffield College, under a full-time coach. "We suggest those with potential come to Sheffield but they have to achieve academically to get into the universities," Michael McKeever, the EVA technical director, said.

volleyball." Anthony added.

those not based in Sheffield, but achieving the standard to play for Britain is harder from outside. The squad is essential to international progress for, as McKeever conceded: "We are a long way off Olympic standard. The difference between amateurism and professionalism. In Britain there is no professional game.

However, Matthew Jones and Marcus Russell are now playing professionally in France, the first two from the Sheffield project to have made the transition. McKeever expects more to

"To reach Olympic standard, our first step is to get British players playing pro-fessionally," he said. Then, perhaps, there will be a phone call to the EVA saying that Britain have qualified for the Olympic Games, And the staff, arriving for work, will believe it.

ROWING: GRAND EIGHT CHAMPION GOES IT ALONE AND DEFIES CROSSWIND

Kettle steams to Scullers Head title

MARTIN KETTLE, of Queens Tower, took the Scullers Head title on Saturday (Mike Rosewell writes). Kettle, a member of the winning Queens Tower Henley grand eight last summer, is aiming for British sculling selection this year and led off the 381 competitors after Peter Haining, the holder, was forced to withdraw because of illness.

Kettle still had to beat two former winners of the event, Olympian Guy Pooley, and Niall O'Toole, the former world champion, of Ireland. Pooley

followed Kettle away and pushed him hard. "I took a bit off him in the middle third when a nasty crosswind from Barnes shook people up a bit," Kettle said. The younger man, however, won by 1.50sec in the fourth fastest time in the 43-year history of the event. O'Toole, starting at 131, suffered from bad steering in a strong tailwind and finished fourth, and said: "I did not really deal with the

conditions." The third spot was snatched from OToole by Tim Male, from Tideway Scullers, whose doubles partner, Tom Middleton, who is also pushing for selection, rose from 130 to sixth. Tom Gale, another Queens Tower product, finished fifth.

The first woman home was Guin Batten, of Thames, Britain's Olympic finalist, who beat the course record by four seconds and finished 32nd, more than 30 seconds ahead of the secondplaced woman, her elder sister, Miriam. James Di Luzio, 16. from Mortlake,

created junior history by finishing tenth.

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annual programme of extra investment in ☐ Promote high standards in early years education. We will set minimum standards education. We will set minimum statustus to care, curriculum and premises. We will be ensure that those in early years education are supervised by qualified staff.

Provide choice in early years education. e will strap the bureaucratic voucher

it. This will be the first call on our £2 billion

We will ensure a variety of provision from a wide range of public, private and voluntary

Raising standards in schools. We will raise standards in schools, especially in literacy and numeracy, which are still far

ion and, improve teaching standards. We will set up a General Teaching Council, charged with improving teaching standards and making teaching a profession to be proud of again. We will provide more opportunities for professional development and reward excellence in teaching. We will help poor teachers improve, but if they cannot, we will ensure they do not continue to teach. D Encourage schools to succeed. We will strengthen the inspection system so that it helps schools and we will extend inspection monitoring Local Education Authorities

[] Strengthen discipline in schools. We will support leachers in maintaining discipline and provide them with the means to do so - for example, by providing better access to special referral units. We will require every school to develop a policy to tackle bullying and truancy. We will launch a national Watch scheme. We will oblige LEAS to fulfil their responsibilities to ducate pupils excluded or suspended from

☐ Measure achievement in pupils and schools. We will give every pupil a Personal Record of Achievement which will enable Record of Achievement which will enable them to build up a set of nationally other achievements. We will require

☐ Improve the National Curriculum. We a more focused and flexible Minimum that religious education provides publis traditions of belief in this country.

Boost literacy. We will establish special literacy programmes involving parents

with teachers in a drive to ensure that 90

per cent of all publis reach their expected

Extra investment for well-equipped class-rooms and better-maintained buildings is essential if standards are to improve. We

I increase funding for books and equip-ment in schools. In the first year, we will double spending on books and equipment to overcome the effect of recent cuts. A typical primary school of 250 pupils will get an extra \$16,000. A typical secondary school of 1,000 pupils will get an extra

Reduce primary school class sizes so that within 5 years no child between 5 and 11 will need to be in a class of more than 30. ☐ Tackle the backlog of repairs. We will invest an additional £500 million over 5

Support children with special needs. We will fully fund the implementation of the Code of Practice for Special Educational

A new partnership for schools involving parents in the education of their children and ensuring schools are supported by local communities are both essential to achieving higher standards and

[] Increase the role of parents in education develop home-school partnership arrange-ments and support parents with informa-tion and resources to help them help their child. We will require the schools inspection service to report on home-school partner-ships as part of school inspections. We will school councils and guarante automatic representation on governing bodies to staff and, where appropriate

Students.

If Open up schools to the whole community. We will encourage schools to
develop courses for parents, build tinks
with local leisure organisations to open up
school sports facilities to the community. and work with local businesses to provide

Give all schools more independence and allow them to develop their own styles and strengths. We will devolve as many powers as possible to schools and give them more control over their budgets. We will make new light touch LEAs responsible for those functions that cannot be undertaken by individual schools on their own, such as coordination, planning and monitoring standards. We will bring grant-maintained schools and City Technology Colleges into this new framework and scrap the Funding Agency for Schools, Liberal Democrats are opposed to selection, but believe that decisions on this should be made by local communities through their local Councils and not by politicians at Westminster. schools in the maintained sector. We will initiate a dialogue with all the major laiths about the role they wish to play in education in the future. Where any of the major faiths wish to establish publicly funded voluntary schools we will enable nunded voluntary schools we will enable them to do so, provided that they enjoy substantial community support, offer acceptable programmes of study, provide equality of opportunity and are able to

the Minimum Curriculum ☐ Forge 2 new partnership with the independent sector. We will encourage independent schools to work with state

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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT MANIFESTO

How you can make the difference

Give consumers more power. We will promote the establishment of industry-wide Ombudsmen schemes to improve complaints procedures and consumer redress.

plaints procedures and consumer retress. We will strengthen customer guarantees, improve product standards and labelling, especially for environmental purposes, and encourage products that are essier to repair, reuse and recycle. We will insist on clear labelling for food products which include genetically modified ingredients,

□ Reform the privatised utilities. We will combine the existing regulators into a single Office of Utility Regulation, reporting to a Cabinet Minister responsible for consumer affairs. This new office will contain a regulatory board for each industry and will be charged with protecting the consumer and ensuring that excess sometime transmitted that excess and to reduce refers and

profits are used to reduce prices and increase investment in improved services. Starting with the water industry, we will encourage utilities to involve their con-

sumers in ownership and control of their company, through thutual structures.

☐ Reinforce consumer and investor protect

tion. We will introduce independent regulation of financial services and improve processes for redress (eg: for mis-selling).

We will protect pension and life assurance savings from fraud. We will work to maintain the City of London's pre-eminence as a financial centre and promote effective international banking standards.

ENVIRONMENT

things we want to

encourage, like

jobs, by taxing pollution instead.

This will not mean

more tax, it will

☐ Build environ

A greener economy

of government policy. We will:

taxing

Set sough targets to cut energy waste.

Environmental protection must be built into every economic decision and every area

☐ Set tough new targets for the reduction of traffic pollution and waste. This will help reduce global warming, cut air pollution.

and prevent waste. Our targets include

cause of climate change) by 30 per cent from the 1990 level over the next 15 years.

Cut

VAT and taxes on jobs, and make up the

difference by taxing pollution instead. This

will help create more jobs and a better

Adopt a Green Action Programme. We

will set targets for sustainability and

biodiversity, to be met by central and local

government. We will measure these by

using new indicators of quality of life, progress and wealth. The Prime Minister will report to Parliament each year on the

country's success in meeting these environ

mental targets.

Di Protect the local environment. We will

puts stronger laws to conserve the country-side. We will cut road congestion and help local Councils make Britain's towns and

Improve the way environment policy is made. Environment policy is currently buried, with housing and local government, in a large single Government Department. We will put environment and energy policy within a separate, hew

cities healthier and cleaner places to live

mean

Increase funding for schools
Get people back to work Tax pollution Revive sense of community

EDUCATION

priority is to:

Give children
the best start by
providing high
quality early years
education for every
3 and 4 year-old
child whose par-

country for too long. It is time to face them. The choice you make will shape Britain's future for the next 50 years. There are no quick fixes, no instant solutions. Eighteen years of Conservative government have left our society divided. our public services run down, our sense of community fractured and our economy under-

performing. There is much to be done.

Yet a terrible fatalism seems to grip politicians. Though the challenges are immense, the solutions we are offered are all too often puny. We are told we can't ask people to pay more for a better education. Or change the way we live to protect our environment. Or share more to give better opportunities to those who have less. Or modernise our politics to give people more say.
We are in politics not just to manage things

schools. We will phase out the Assisted Places Scheme and use the money saved to

Places Scheme and use the money saved to enable LEAs, if they wish, to enter into local partnership schemes. These could include assisting the funding of pupils at independent schools. Pupils currently covered by the Assisted Places Scheme would, however, he protected until they finish their studies. We will require independent schools to offer the Minimum Curriculum Engitement. We will extend charitable

Entitlement. We will extend charitable status to all schools without affecting total

Council funding and maintain the VAT exemption on school fees.

In the information age, education must be a life-long activity from which people can benefit anywhere and at any time, rather than being something that only happens in school. We will:

will give every person an individual Learning Account as the basis for life-long

post-school education with contributions made by the state, individuals and employ-

made by the state, individuals and employ-ers. Our aim is that the state contribution will be at least equivalent to the cost of fees on approved courses. We will replace the Student Lours Scheme with a fair repay-ment scheme linked to salaries in later life. We oppose top-up fees for ruidion. Our aim is to ensure that students on approved courses lineloding part-time courses) up to first degree level are treated entailly.

The standard credit based system for all post-14 courses, including the current A-levels and degree courses. We will work with the private sector to link all schools and large courses.

with the private sector to this at sectors to the Information Super Highway and ensure that they have the equipment and skills to take advantage of this.

I Promote training in the workplace. To support companies that invest in education and training, and to encourage others to do us will introduce a 2 nor cent profissible.

so, we will introduce a 2 per cent remissible levy on company payrolls. This would be deductible against the cost of providing accredited training or making contributions to the Individual Learning Account.

Small businesses will be exempt. We will give Training and Enterprise Councils the leading role in forging local parmerships to meet youth training and employment

☐ Expand training opportunities for young

people. Our aim is to ensure that 16-19 year-

olds receive the equivalent of at least 2 days

a week education or on-the-job training.

Boost chances for all adults to impro-

their skills and get better qualifications. We will ensure that all adults on approved

support, either through their Individual Learning Accounts or from their employer

Improve the quality of tertiary courses

ensure high standards and value for money in all post-16 education and training

ensure the funding of university teaching and research, safeguard academic freedom

JOBS & ECONOMY

and goods to pollution and the depletion of

Long-term investment and economic stabil-ity are crucial to future economic success, We will: Lavesting in Britain's future

Secure stable prices and low interest rates. We will turn the Bank of England into a UK Reserve Bank, free from political

interference. We will charge the Barik with keeping inflation low and make it accountable to Parliament for achieving this goal. Lower inflation and greater exchange rate stability can be bener secured by working with Britain's European parmers. The best

framework for this is a single European currency and it is in Britain's interests to

However, three conditions must be met before this can happen. First, the single currency must be firmly founded on the

Mastricht criteria. Second, Britain must meet those criteria. Third, the British people must have said "yes" in a referen-dum. If these cardinoss for a single

currency are in place, Britain should join. ☐ Ensure responsible economic manage-

ment. We will keep to the "golden rule" of

public finance over the economic cycle, total borrowing should not exceed total investment. We will make the Government

accountable to Parliament for keeping to

☐ Bulld up Britain's capital assets. We will distinguish between capital and current spending in the national accounting system. We will promote effective will promote effec

both national and local levels, with Coun-

Put Britain's people back to work. We

will enable long-term unemployed people to turn their unemployment benefits into "working benefits" paid to an employer to

recruit and train them. We will break open

the poverty traps that stop unemployed people from working. Our plans for boosting investment in infrastructure.

promoting small businesses and encourag-ing energy conservation will create hun-

public/private investment partners

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C Provide stability

management to

encourage long-

people back to

take part in this.

Britain's

We will create a new Quality Council to

using our new remissible training levy.

courses or training have access to fir

Extending life-long learning

And one of its most important. We have ducked the challenges that confront our

his will be the last election of this century. more prosperous, fair and open society. We believe in the market economy as the best way to deliver prosperity and distribute economic benefits. But we recognise that market mechanisms on their own are not enough; that the private sector alone cannot ensure that there are good services for everyone, or promote employ-ment opportunities, or tackle economic inequality, or protect the environment for future generations. We believe in a society in which

> quickly becomes the enemy of diversity. Above all, Liberal Democracy is about liberty. That does not just mean freedom from oppressive government. It means providing all citizens with the opportunity to build worthwhile lives for themselves and their families

[] Invest in a highly skilled workforce, Our investment of an additional [2] billion a year in education and training will improve skills and increase the nation's knowledge

C Promote environmental sustainability. We will begin a long-term shift in taxation, reducing tures on jobs, wealth and goods and shifting them to pollution and resource

and stitling there is positive and research depletion. We will use new national indicators of progress which include mea-sures of quality of life and environmental sustainability.

Encourage people to save. Our aim is to

extend the advantages of TESSAs and PEPs to a wider range of savers by developing a new save-as-you-earn scheme. We will encourage personal and portable pension

If Investing in enterprise

Small business, enterprise and self-employment are the engine of a modern dynamic concurry and a vital source of new jobs and

☐ Support small and medium-sized busi-

I Support small and medium-sized businesses. We will encourage the backs to develop new sources of private finance, including grants, equity finance and munual guarantee schemes. We will seek to expand the sources of "seed-corn" capital. We will legislate for a statutory right to interest on late debt payments. We will require the banks to develop new codes of banking practice for small businesses. We will cut red tape, for example by stopping European institutions interfering where they shouldn't and by preventing Whitchall departments "gold-plating" European regulations with extra rules. We will, in the long-term, abolish the Uniform Business

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long-term, aboust the Uniterm business. Rate and bring in a new, fairer local rating system. We will ensure that government purchasing gives special emphasis and easier access to small and medium-sized.

Boost regional and local economies. We

will set up regionally-based Development Agencies to build new partnerships be-

ween small businesses, local Councils.

Business Links, TECs and local Chambers

of Commerce. We will encourage these bodies to come together to provide "one-

capital for local infrastructure investment.

where they work in partnership with the

development by promoting geographical centres of industrial excellence.

I invest in research and innovation. We

will expand support for science and research by shifting government funds away from military research and development and into civil science and re-

search, and improve specialist research facilities for industry. We will encourage

regional technology transfer centres to bring together the resources of industry,

universities and government laboratories.

I Promote tourism. We will bring together

the marketing and infrastructure work of

mards. We will ensure that local commu-

developments from the earliest stages.

D Build new partnerships at work. We will

give employees new rights to consultation and participation in decisions and give

advice on the forms of partnership which best suit them. We will promote profit-

share-ownership schemes. We will extend the benefits of the Social Chapter of the

Maastricht Treaty to all UK employees, while resisting the adoption of new rules

C Encourage a culture of long-term business investment. We will require com-panies to publish information on their long-

development, and training. We will in-troduce greater shareholder control over

☐ Promote British exports. We will make export promotion and commercial activity a higher priority for British Embassies. Making Britain more competitive

a compensive domestic economy is essen-

directors' pay and appointments.

estment achievements, includ

sharing, mutual structures and em

ies and their employees access to

e". We will enable councils to tall

every citizen shares rights and responsibilities. But, we recognise that a strong country is built from the bottom, not the top; that conformity

better, but to make things happen. To build a and helping them to recognise their responsibil ities to the wider community. Liberal Democrats believe the role of democratic government is to protect and strengthen liberty, to redress the balance between the powerful and the weak. between rich and poor and between immediate gains and long-term environmental costs. That is the Liberal Democrat vision: of active government which invests in people, promotes their long-term prosperity and welfare, safe-guards their security, and is answerable to them

Much of what we propose here requires no money - only political will. But where extra investment is required we say where it will come from. The purpose of this manifesto is to widen opportunities for all. And its aim is to build a nation of self-reliant individuals, living in strong communities, backed by an enabling

government. Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown

mentally friendly policies. We will give the Environment Agency stronger powers to enforce compliance with environmental live. ☐ Strengthen the law on competition. We will highen the rules on monopolies and adopt a pro-competition stance on takeovers and mergers. We will combine the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Office of Fair Trading into a single powerful body, independent of government and charged with promoting competition.

Transporting people, tackling potuzion Travel delays and road congestion cost billions of pounds, and pollution damages the health of millions of people. We will:

☐ Invest in public transport by building new partnerships with the private sector. We will enable Councils to introduce road pricing in the most congested urban areas and use the money to support clean and rapid public transport, and to improve cycle and pedestrian access. We will retain London Underground in public ownership and give it the right to seek private finance for new investment without an assured

Treble the freight and double the Treble the freight and double the number of passengers carried on Britain's railways by the year 2010. We will strengthen the powers of the rail regulators. We will require Railtrack to meet targets for greater investment and increased passenger and freight traffic. We will withhold public subsidies from Railtrack if the case of targets are not mer and, in the case of persistent failure, use the funds to reacquire a controlling interest in Railtrack. We will provide for legislation enabling this.

the planning system so that people have easier access to shops, offices and facilities, and promote the use of information technology to decentralise work.

Cut fuel bills and make homes warmer. We will launch a National Homes Insula tion programme to end fuel poverty starting with the 2 million lowest income nonserious. Our proposas will be influent by the Energy Saving Truss and the energy supply comparies. This will save these households an average ESS per year and reduce global warming emissions. By contrast, cutting VAT on fuel bills to 5 per cent would save the average household only £19 per year.

instead. To encourage energy saving, we will gradually introduce a "carbon tax" on fossil fuels, using the funds raised to cut VAT and employers' National Insurance Contributions (the tax on jobs). This is a tax switch, not a tax rise, and will be phased in

aume as for energy supplies. end of their design life.

III Protecting Britain's heritage
Britain's natural environment and heritage

are being gradually destroyed. We will:

[] Clean up Britain's rivers and beaches

☐ Encourage people to drive more fuel-efficient cars by cutting the annual car tax, from £145 to £10 for cars up to 1600cc, over from £145 to £10 for cars up to 1600cc, over the period of the near Parliament, funded by gradually raising the duty on fuel by approximately 4p per litre. Under our proposals, a person with a typical family car could drive up to 23,000 miles per year and still be better off—even in rural areas, where the average motorist only drives 11,700 miles a year. We will reform tax relief on company cars to encourage smaller cars on company cars to encourage smaller cars and give people new incentives to use public transport for getting to work.

☐ Reduce the need to travel. We will reform

Warmer bomes, saving energy Official government figures show that half the energy used in Britain is wasted. This pushes up fuel bills, worsens pollution and

☐ Cut taxes on people by taxing pollution

gramany.

I Improve energy efficiency. We will bring in new minimum standards for the energy in new minimum summands on the straight efficiency of products, buildings and vehicles. We will out VAT on energy conservation materials to 8 per cent — the

Promote renewable sources of energy and combined heat and power schemes. We and combined near and power screenes, we will shift funds from nuclear research into decommissioning and nuclear waste management, and support research for renewable energy sources. We will not provide any government subsidies for nuclear generation. We support on-site dry provide any government statistics to nuclear generation. We support on-site dry storage of nuclear waste, pending the long-term development of safe afternatives. Nuclear stations will not be replaced at the

Ashdown: no quick fixes

and ensure that the costs of investment are spread fairly. We will require water companies to contribute to the cost of national environmental projects. We will reduce the need for new water developments by setting targets to reduce leakage and by promoting efficiency in water use. We will introduce a fairer system of charging for water and require water companies to share excess profils with their customers through rebates or investments in environmental improvements. We will end, within 10 years, discharges that cause

innecessary water pollution [] Tackle marine oil pollution. We will implement tougher rules on shipping safety and bring forward the designation of marine high risk areas.

☐ Reform land use planning. We will make protection of the natural environment a major feature of the planning system through a new Wildlife Act. This will improve protection of National Parks. Heritage Coasts, Sites Of Special Scientific interest and Areas of Outstanding Natural

If Green the countryside. Our proposed new Countryside Management Contracts will help farmers to protect vital habitats and convert to more environmentallyfriendly farming methods. We will use tax and planning reforms to protect rural

Thinking globally, acting locally
Most people understand the importance of
thinking globally and acting locally. They
want to play their part in protecting the
environment. Government should help them do so. We will:

Illean do so, we wan:

I Encourage the manufacture of products that are easier to repair, reuse or recycle.

We will introduce deposit refund schemes and back EU-wide standards for product design, energy efficiency and reuse.

☐ Help people to choose environmentally triendly products. We will press for comprehensive and understandable EU-wide ecologically friendly and energy efficient

omoting an<u>imal</u> welfare The way a society treats animals is a measure of its civilisation. We will:

☐ Promote animal welfare. We will set up a compulsory national dog registration scheme. We will halt the trade in endangered species as pers. We will promot and extend training and qualification for insist on the enforcement of maximum time limits and for transporting live animals in the EU, a stricter timetable for bearing veal crates and improved rearing conditions for pier and chickens across the EU We will create an Animal Protuction Commission to enforce animal welfare laws and improve animal welfare standards. We will ben animal testing for cosmetics. review the law in order to reduce the use of

Protect wild unimals. We believe that the issues of hunting with hounds and coursing should be decided by free votes in the House of Commons. We will bun snares and leg hold traps. We will press for stronger international laws to protect endangered species. We will ban the importation of products derived from

COMMUNITY

Cl Put 3,000 more police officers on D Build affordable and secure housin C End, by the year 2000, the scandal of people being forced to sleep rough on the streets.



Revive Britain's sense of community. Housing
Boom and bust house prices, a shortage of

decent homes and poor housing have wrecked the lives of millions and damaged Britain's economy. We will:

Build more houses. We will encourage partnerships between the public sector, the private sector and housing associations to build high quality homes to tent and buy. We will, within strict borrowing controls give local authorities more powers to go directly to the market to raise finance for building new homes. We will begin the phased release of capital receipts from past les of Council houses and allow the proney to be used to build new homes Il Give financial security to all, whether they rent or own their homes. We will introduce a new Mortgage Benefit for first time buyers. They will receive this instead of Mortgage interest Tax Relief. Those backlines. of Morgage interest Tax Relief. Those holding current mortgages will retain Mortgage Interest Tax Relief. Our aim is, over time, to merge the new Mortgage Benefit and the current Housing Benefit into one system of housing oust relief, available to those who buy or rent and fransed on those most in need.

ocused on those most in need. ☐ End the scandal of people being forced to steep rough on the streets. We will ensure that by the year 2000 no one is forced to steep on the streets. We will require every Council to set up self-funding rent deposit schemes to help homeless people take up retirely to the streets. private tenancies. We will fund more she stay hostel places as the first rung on the ladder to permanent accommodation.

Take action to rackle hon cause account of raccie nomelessness and raise housing standards. We will give Councils greater power to act on unfit private housing, where the landlord has failed to do so. We will strengthen tenants' rights to repair and, in the public sector, give them rights to take part in the management and development of their homes and estates. Our Empty Homes Strategy will enable local authorities to work with, and as a last resort require,

landlords to bring capty properties back into use. We will end discrimination against those under 25 by scrapping the shared residency rule when assessing housing benefit.

Bring confidence back to the housing market by targeting low inflation and low

Crime and policing Crime and the lear of crime affort almost

every person and every community in the country. We will: country. We will:

| Pot 3,000 more police officers on the beat. Within one year, we will give police authorities the resources to put an extra 3.000 police officers on the beat. We will

increase the time the padice spend on preventing and detecting crime by reducing unnecessity paperwork and making greater use of new technologies.

Tackle youth crime. We will widen the use of schemes that require offenders to repay their debt to society and to confrom the consequences of their actions. We will repay their debt to society and to confront the consequences of their actions. We will, where appropriate, require parents to participate in support projects where their children have been involved in juvenile crime. We will develop schemes that target disruptive children from an early age. We will reserve custodial sentences for more serious and persistent offenders. Our voluntary Citizens Service will enable

voluntary Citizens Service will enable young people to get directly involved in crime prevention schemes.

If strengthen the criminal justice system. We will make the justice system work more quickly and effectively and review sentencing policy. We will overhaul the Crown-Prosecution Service. We will encourage the use of community sentences, as an alternative process. use of community sentences, as an alter-native to prison, where the result is likely to be less reoffending, and use prison sen-tences where they are essential to public protection or to make punishment effective. We will concentrate resources on crime prevention and on increasing conviction

rates, rather than spending billions on huilding prisons.

□ Focus on crime prevention. We will require Councils to take the lead in establishing cross-community partnerships against crime, setting specific targets for crime prevention. We will give Councils powers and resources to support high quality, targeted crime prevention.

Wage war on drug abuse. We will give the Police and Customs and Excise the support they need to stop drugs coming into Britain. We will set up a Royal Commission

charged with developing policies to tackle the drugs problem at its roots.

Give victims a new deal. We will promote restorative justice, under which offenders can be required to compensate victims for the damage they have caused. We will ensure that the Victim Support movement and the Witness Support schemes play a full role in the criminal justice system. We will provide victims with the practical support they need to prevent repeat attacks.

Strengthen public confidence in the police. We will make police authorities more responsive to Jucal communities by increasing their elected membership and creating an accountable police authority for London. We will improve co-operation between police forces and work more closely with Britain's European partners to combat international crime, terrorism. drug trafficking and fraud. We will ensure that the police take further steps to reduce the level of racial and homophobic violence.

Britain's rural economy and communities have been transformed over the last fifty years. The challenge for the next fifty years is to protect and enhance the richness of rural life, while developing a thriving rural

coonomy. We will: Seek further reform of the Commo Agricultural Policy (CAP). We will work to replace the CAP, which currently subsidises production, with Countryside Management Contracts — a targeted system of direct payments to support economic, social and environmental goals in rural communities. Countryside Management Contracts will enable farmers and landowners to choose from a wide range of options, for example, to improve the tural environment, maximise food quality, protest natural habitats or move to less intensive or organic farming methods. Help rural economies through a period of change. We will, in parmership with the agriculture industry, draw up a national strategy for farming in order to provide a framework for public policy and private decision-making over the next ten years. We will promote agricultural research and development, and assist farmers wishing to diversify. We will promote local processing of agricultural products and expand support for small and medium-sized enter

prises in rural areas.

Directle rural crime. We will put more police into rural areas, support Farm and Neighbourhood Watch schemes and give Councils the duty to set up crime prevention enable rural police authorities to introduce mortgage incentive schemes to encourage rural beat officers to live in the areas the

☐ Enhance rural services. We will support smaller village schools through greater use of information technology and specialist teaching teams. We will encourage schemes that enable local communities to make use of school buildings and equipment. We will promote community hospitals and use them for more mutastical enablestics. them for more out-patient consultations. We will encourage housing authorities. Parish Councils and housing associations to set up partnership schen private sector in order to build low-cost homes for first-time home buyers and social

local authorities the power to improve the co-ordination of local bus services and to reopen closed railway stations, in co-operation with Railfrack.

Strengthen the operation with Railfrack.

Strengthen the network of rural sub-post offices and village shops. We will encourage the Post Office to invest in new point of sale technologies, in order to provide access, through sub-post offices, to a wide range of customer services. Where post offices and village shops which are vital to their local community are theretoxed we will enable community are threatened, we will enable local Councils to support them with up in 100 per cent rate relief.

Direct the countryside. We will help landowners meet the environmental costs of increase.

industries meet the environmental costs of increased access to the countryside. We will take action to reduce the use of chemicals in farming.

Dirotect rural areas from urbanisation.

We will penalise the use of greenfield sites set and enforce targets for greater use of brownland sites and encourage over-the shop accommodation in market town centres. We will review the excessive housing totals in the current structure

housing totals in the current structure plans and scrap the "predict and provide" approach to housing development.

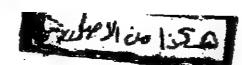
D Work to preserve fish stocks and proted the livelihoods of local fishing communities. Our aim is to scrap the Common Fisheries Policy and replace it with a new Europe-wide fisheries policy based on the regional management of fish stocks. We will take firm action to end quota-hopping, begin the phased abolition of industrial fishing and strengthen decommissioning. Il Promote sale food, We will set up a Food Commission, independent from MAFF and Commission, independent from MAFF and controls on the use of bio-technology and press for higher common food star

across the European Union.



Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, with Alan Beith, left, and Malcolm Bruce, after the launch of the party's election manifesto at Church House, Westminster, last week

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Restore trust in government Ensure dignity in retirement Recruit more frontline NHS staff

I Urban communities

Britain's towns and cities offer civic pride, Britain's towns and ones oner civic prace, accessible facilities and, potentially, a high quality of life. However, many suffer from alienation, joblessness, high crime rates, a

run-down environment and loss of popula-tion. Urban areas should offer excitement, security and a strong sense of community. job opportunities. We will support local development corporations. We will build

development corporations. We will build now partnerships between local government and the private and voluntary sectors, to regenerate local economies and promote community enterprise. We will link local training to local jobs. We will encourage the hment of community banks and credit unions.

[] Tackle urban crime. We will expand

community policing, ensure that all new planning takes account of the need to deter planning takes account of the need to deter crime and locus on crime prevention.

Il Encourage public transport. We will enable Councils to co-ordinate bus and train services and give them powers to introduce urban road pricing schemes. using the revenue raised to invest in better public transport.

Il Reform and strengthen elected local government. We will give local Councils

[] Reform and strengthen elected local government. We will give local Councils greater control over their own affairs. We will create a strategic authority for London. We will encourage the use of "planning for real" strategies, in which local people can make a direct input into major planning projects in their community.

Flourishing arts and a diverse culture are essential for a lively and open society. They can be engines of innovation that bring life to the economy. At the same time, the world is experiencing an information revolution as important and far-reaching as the Industrial Revolution. Britain must maintain a free and effective media capable of being a check on the abuse of power, and of giving people the information they need to giving people the information they need to make informed decisions. We will: Tackle the concentration of media

power. We will act to prevent media mergers or take-overs, except where these can be shown to advance quality, diversity and access. We will require the Indepenwithin the network supply agreement.

Maintain the role of the BBC as the benchmark of public service broadcasting, committed to quality, diversity and universal access. We will protect the independence

and impartiality of the BBC through its Board of Governors and its licence fee. Improve access to information technology and the Internet. We will ensure that everyone in Britain can have access, either individually or through a wide range of public access points, to a nationwide interactive communications network by the

the National Lottery to endow, house and improve access to the arts. We also to move towards the European average for public funding of the arts. We aim to restore the principle of free access to national museum and gallery collections, starting with the

and gately collections, statung with the removal of charges for school parties.

I Promote Britain's culture. We will promote film production in Britain. We will actively support the British Council and rejoin Unesco. We will enhance the BBC

POLITICS

Our priorities □ Restore trust begovernment, by ending secrety and blez, ughts and Enstantedus beo-

ing system, reforming Parliament and conduct.

Give government back to the people, by decentralising power to the nations, region and communities of the United Kingdom.

Restoring trust in politics We cannot rebuild trust in politics without making government more open and

Safeguard individual liberties, by establishing a Bill of Rights. As a first step, we will incorporate the European Conven-tion on Human Rights into UK law so that will set up a Human Rights Commission to strengthen the protection of individual rights. We will create a Ministry for Justiceresponsible for protecting human rights and overseeing the administration of the legal system, the courts and legal aid. We oppose the introduction of Identity

☐ Break open the excessive secrety of government, by passing a Freedom of Information Act establishing a citizens

right to know.

L' Cut back the quango state. We will scrap unnecessary quangos, handing their functions over to elected bodies. We will require those that remain to meet in public and to list their members' interests. We will establish a fair, open and more repre-sentutive appointment process for all

Quingus,

Give people more say in decisionmaking. We will make greater use of
national referendums for constitutional
issues, for example, changing the voting
system or any further transfer of power to European institutions. We will enable referendums to be held on specific local issues where there is public demand.

and unrepresentative. We will:

and unrepresentative. We will:

Il Modernise the House of Commons. We will reduce the number of MPs by 200 (one-third) and introduce tougher rules for their conduct, behavinur and outside sources of income. We will improve drafting and consultation on legislation, and strengthen MPs' ability to hold the government to arresult.

Create an effective and democratic upper house. We will, over two Parliaments, transform the House of Lords into a predominantly elected second chambe apable of representing the nations and regions of the UK and of playing a key role in scrutinising European legislation.

I introduce a fair system of voting. We will introduce proportional representation for all elections, to put more power in the hands of voters and make government

more representative.

I Make politics more stable. We will establish a fixed parliamentary term of four years:

Clean up party funding. We will reform the way political parties are funded and limit the amount they can spend on national election campaigns. We will make each party publish its accounts and list all love donors.

■ Giving government back to the people Far too much power has been concentrated in Westminster and Whitehall. Democratic government should be as close to ordinary people as possible. We will:

Introduce Home Rule for Scotland, with

elected by proportional representation, and able to raise and reduce income tax.

Introduce Home Rule for Wales, with
the creation of a Welsh Senedd, elected by
proportional representation, and able to

raise and reduce income tax.

□ Create the framework to make existing regional decision-making in England democratically accountable, and enable the establishment of elected regional assem-blies, where there is demonstrated public demand. We will create a strategic au-

demand. We will create a strategic authority for London.

If Strengthen local government. We will establish a "power of general competence", giving Councils wider scope for action. We will allow local authorities to raise more of their funds locally, give them greater discretion over spending and allow them, within strict limits, to go directly to the markets to raise finance for capital projects. We will, in the long-term replace Council Tax with a Local income Tax, and replace Tax with a Local income Tax, and replace the Uniform Business Rate with a fairer system of business rates, raised through local Councils and set in accordance with

Northern Ireland
Peace in Northern Ireland depends on containing and ultimately removing the entrenched hostliny between the two main communities in Northern Ireland. We will: ☐ Establish a power-sharing executive for Northern Ireland, elected under a fair and proportional system of voting. We will press for a new constitutional settlement based on the protection of individual rights European Convention.

☐ Give individuals more power and pol-

itical responsibility. We will introduce a fair and proportional voting system for all elections, and reform and strengthen local sovernment in the province.

☐ Ensure respect for civil liberties, We will improduce an independent procedure for investigating complaints against the sec-urity forces, and reform the Diplock system urny lorges, and return the Displace systems so that three judges instead of one preside over non-jury trials. We will urgently implement the North Reports recommendations for an independent com-

mission to supervise corrades and marches D Promote economic growth. We will strengthen the nil-treland economy through the creation of effective cross-border agencies, We will invest in edu-cation and promote inward investment.

DiBuild on the Joint Declaration and the Framework Document, by working with the Irish Government to create agreement between as many of the constitutional parties as possible. Sinn Fein can only be admitted to this process if, in accordance with the Mitchell principles, they and the IRA turn their backs on terrorism, Meanwhile we must remain vigilant and keep in place the present means for countering

OPPORTUNITIES

EOur priorities The loc Ensure that, by the millennium, ev-ery young person has had the opportunity to work, karn, train

□ Give women



greater opportunities to play a full role in work and in society.

Ensure dignity in retirement.

Break open the powerty trap that makes people better off on the dole than in work.

Modernise Britain's welfare state for the twenty-first century, building a new cross-nerty northership for reform

Breaking the poverty trap Unemployment wastes the talents and

If Breaking the poverty trap
Unemployment wastes the talents and denies people the opportunity to contribute to the well-being of their families and increase Britain's wealth. We will:

If Help fong-term unemployed people back to work. We will establish a self-financing Benefit Transfer Programme allowing those who have been unemployed for a year or more to turn their unemployment benefits into an incentive for employers to recruit and train them. The value of the benefit to employers will be reduced.

If Break open the poverty trap. We will take nearly \$00,000 low earners out of income tax altogether by raising tax income tax altogether by raising tax thresholds. This will provide lower taxes and new incentives to work, while outting the benefits bill and reducing tax for 99.5 per cent of all income raxpayers. This will be paid for by introducing a new top tax rate of 50p on taxable income of over £100,000 per year. We will replace Income Support and Family Credit with a simpler, more efficient low lacome. Benefit that more efficient Low Income Benefit tha

increases financial incentives.

Modernise Britain's welfare system. We will initiate a comprehensive review of the welfare system to build a new framework for welfare and opportunity, on a cross-party basis. Our aim is to provide a more effective safety net for the disadvantaged, to encourage work, without compulsion, and to widen apportunities.

develop a national childcare strategy, drawing on public and private provision. We will, over time, extend tax relief on workplace nurseries to other forms of day nursety care.

I Establish a voluntary Citizens Service to

☐ Establish a voluntary Crizeres service to give people, especially young puople, up to two years' work on such projects as environmental conservation, social services and the armed services.

☐ Encourage a flexible labour market, while protecting the low paid with a regionalty variable, minimum hourly rate.

☐ Crack down on social security fraud and ax evasion and shift the money saved into

tax evasion and shift the money saved into new policies to enhance opportunities. We will tackle the high levels of fraud and overpayment in the social security budges. We will stop mx evasion.

Everyone in Britain should be able to look forward to a retirement of security, opportunity and dignity. Old people feel that they are fast becoming Britain's

forgotien generation. We will: mum standard of living in retirement. We will create an additional top-up pension for pensioners with incomes below the Income Support level. This will be inc carnings and tapered as outside income increases. The basic state pension will remain indexed to prices. We will start to phase out the expensive, unfair contribu-tory system and base the right to a state pension on chizenship and residence.

Enable people to choose when to start drawing a pension. We will bring in a flexible "decade of retirement".

□ Protect the rights of older people. We will

legislate against discrimination on the grounds of age.

Il Expand private pensions and give people mare control over their pensions. We wish to see more people making provision for their old age. We will replace the State Earnings Related Scheme (Scrpe) with a scheme under which all employees have personal or occupational pensions. have personal or occupational pensions. Existing account Serps will, however, be Existing accrued Serps will, however, ne preserved. We will expand occupational and personal pension achetnes by giving all employees an entitlement to participate in a pension scheme of their choice, funded by contributions from employers and employees. Pension rights will be fully secured if people change jobs. We will treat pensions and defermed income care, which agreement as deferred income over which pension-holders have full rights of security, control

holders have the rights of the portability.

Cholish standing charges for water and create a fairer system of charging.

We propose a new deal for young people, in which new rights and new responsibilities go hand in hand. We wilk:

Depend opportunities. Our aim is that every noting person between the ages of 16 and 19 will have the opportunity to either work, learn, train or take a place on our new Citizens Service.

Destore security to excluded young people. The withdrawal of benefit rights has condemned thousands of young people to life out of work and on the streets, at great long-term public cost. We will restore access to benefits for 16 and 17 year-cide, in the longer term, we aim to scrap the lower

access to benefits for 16 and 17 year-cide, in the longer term, we aim to scrap the lower rate of income support for those under 25.

Disnare that young people can learn their rights and responsibilities, with citizenship classes in every school and parenting classes for young adults. We will give children and young people access to information about their legal rights and obligations, review the age of majority and ensure that young people are represented on bodies that especially concern them.

Dispand local youth services. We will require local councils to provide a summtory youth service.

Families. In all their forms, are a basic building block of society. But the nature of families is changing. This has hought new stresses which must be addressed. But it has also brought new attitudes, such as the sharing of family responsibilities, which should be encouraged. We will:

[] Give families more security. We will take nearly 500,000 low earners out of tax altogether, by raising tax thresholds. We will replace income Support and Family Credit with a simpler, more efficient Low Income Benefit that helps people back to work. We aim to improve the support for exercise.

work, we aim to improve the support for interest.

Introduce fair and workable child support legislation. We will repeal the Child Support Act and abolish the Child Support Agency. We believe that parents should financially support their children at an appropriate level. Where there are disputes between the parents, not by an inflexible formula. We will create a new system of formula. We will create a new system of unified family courts to decide these

promote good parenting. We will encourage the provision of parenting classes for young adults. We will increase the role of parents in education and develop home-school partnership arrangements, to assist in addressing the needs of

the child.

Expand parental rights. We will introduce a statutory right to parental leave and develop Maternity Benefit into a new, flexible parental benefit to be shared between partners. We will ensure that fostering and adoption law is based on the suitability of prospective fosterers and the needs of the child.

If leip parents to return to work. We will, over time, extend tax relief on workniace.

over time, extend tax relief on workplace nurseries to other forms of day nursery care. We will develop a national childcare strategy.

☐ Encourage (leadble working patterns. We

will encourage income working patterns. We will encourage job sharing and family-friendly employment practices, especially in the public sector. We will give private sector employees approaching retirement. children, the right to negotiate reduced

There is still a long way to go before women have equal concerturities. We will: have equal opportunities. We will:

Promote equality in the workplace. We will, over time, extend employment and wai, over time, extend employment and pensions rights to part-time employees, on a pro-ram basis. We will bring in tougher obligations on employers to establish equal opportunities procedures and pursue the principle of equal pay for work of equal

Make pensions hirer to women, by working to replace the contributory system with pension rights based on citizenship sidence in the UK. We will bring

from the NHS. We will promote equal treatment of the sexes within the Health Service. We will set targets for the expansion of facilities which enable women to consult female health professionals. ☐ Make the legal system fairer to women. We will strengthen the civil law remedies for domestic violence and improve the

treatment of rape victims by the court system. We will seek to improve the provision of refuge places for victims of domestic violence.

| Enhance the role of women in public life.

We will tackle the under-representation of women on public bodies by setting a target that within a decade at least one-third of all that within a decade at least one-unit of air those on all public hodies should be women. We will reform the procedures and facilities of the House of Commons to make them more accommodating to women and

Progress in equal opportunities for disabled people remains patchy and unacceptably slow. We will:

sow, we win:

Guarantee the rights of disabled people.

We will ban discrimination on the grounds rability and pass comprehensive tion securing the civil rights of We will draw up a Charter of Rights setting

out what our new Bill of Rights means for disabled people.

Give disabled people more independence. We will introduce a Partial Capacity Benefit, building on the Disability Working Allowance, to assist those in work who cannot fully support themselves limanically We aim to increase financial support for disabled people who cannot find work and

🛘 Improve access. We will publish a code of practice to improve access to buildings and transport. We will require government departments, local Councils and public organisations to make their key public literature available in Braille or where

appropriate tape.

Make education inclusive. As part of our £2 billion investment in education, we will increase funding for, and enforce immentation of the Code of Practice for Special Educational Needs.

Diversity, pluralism and a multicultural society are sources of strength for Britain.

O Strengthen action against discrimination. We will create a new Human Rights tion. We will crease a new ritigian regglis Commission, combining the Commission for Racial Equality and the Equal Opportu-nities Commission. We will give statutory force to the Commission for Racial Equal-ity's Code of Practice in employment, and ensure that Britain plays a leading role in strengthening anti-discrimination legisla-

tion throughout the European Union.

If Ensure equal opportunities for all. We will require local authorities and housing associations to ensure equal opportunities in housing affocation. We will expand access to mother-tongue teaching, for both adults and children, where this takes place through self-help and community groups.

If we immigration hows from racial discrimination. We will ensure that immigration policy is non-discriminatory in its application. We will resome current immigration laws so as to enable genuine family remiens. We will restore benefit rights to asylum seekers and ensure that asylum claims are dealt with swiftly.

If Increase ethnic minorities' confidence in the police. We will encourage the recruit-

the police. We will encourage the recruit-ment of ethnic minorities into the police force and require action to be taken against discrimination within the force. We will tackle any discriminatory use of police powers, such as stop and search, and enhance police action to deal with racial attacks. We will encourage the use of aggravated sentencing for racially moti-ulat crimes.

Leshiam and gay men In a free and tolerant society, discrimi In a free and tolerant society, discrimina-tion on any grounds is unacceptable. Diversity is a source of strength. We will: It Ensure equality before the law for lesbians and gay men through our new Human Rights Commission and the Bill of Rights. We will create a common age of content regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

neigntation.

Stop discrimination. We will outlaw incitement to harred and discrimination in housing and employment, including the armed forces, on grounds of sexual orientation. We will repeat "section 28" of the 1988 Local Government Act. We will reform the law, ensure that the police and local authorities deal more effectively with homophobic attacks, and encourage police forces to be more representative

HEALTH

☐ End the two-tier system in the NHS.

☐ Restore free eye and dental checks.

If Raising standards in the NHS
Whilst many of the recent reforms to the
NHS have been beneficial, they have
resulted in the creasion of a two-tier health
service. The standard of health care a service. The standard of health care a person receives is increasingly becoming a lottery. The length of time people have to wait, the chance of treatment being post-poned and the quality of bealth care vary enormously from one part of the UK to another. We will:

place an immediate six-month hait on the finance-driven closure of beds and wards and set up an independent audit of needs and facilities.

access to services currently enjoyed by fundholders. Those who choose to manage their own affairs will be able to do so on their own or as part of a consortium. Those who do not will be able to leave manage ment to the local health authority.

at least an entra 550 million every year in the NHS to pay for our policy priorities. This will be paid for by closing the loophole that allows employers to avoid paying Nazional Insurance contributions on certain benefits in kind and by putting Sp on the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes. We will use these extra funds to tackle the crisis in use these exera funds to factor the crist in staffing, especially in the hospital sector, and begin a shift to preventive care. We will ensure that the NHS budget keeps pace with increasing cost pressures.

Shift money from unnecessary bureau-cracy into panent care. We will move from annual to at least three-yearly contracts between Health Authorities and Trusts, and shift the money saved into front-line patient care. We will replace time consum-nce local new horeasing, with a new ing local pay bargaining with a new national pay structure and a single NHS-wide Pay Review Body that covers all pay.

[] Cut waiting lists. We will cut waiting times between diagnosis and treatment to a maximum of six roomths over three years.

morale. We will recruit and train more professional staff. Our carefully costed plans would, for instance, pay for the equivalent of 10,000 more nurses or 5,000 more doctors. We will ban the use of "gagging clauses" in employment contracts which prevent professional staff from speaking out against unsafe standards.

will require local authorities to ensure that the public has access to NHS dentistry in all areas.

Promoting good health
Britain has a health service that concentrates too much on curing illness rather
than preventing it. A healthier nation and a
more cost-effective NHS depend on shifting the emphasis towards prevention, tackling the root causes of ill health (e.g. poversy and homelessness) and making people more responsible for their own health. We will:

policy that emphasises the prevention of illness rather than treatment.

dent and free to criticise government policy.

□ Ensure that food is healthy and safe. We

will create an independent and powerful Food Commission, separate from MAFF, and responsible to Parliament for food

Den health promotion at the heart of government policy. We will require all government departments in assess the impact of their policies on health. Each year there will be an independent report, to be published and debated in Parliament, on the state of the nation's health.

M Bringing health services closer to The local institutions of the NHS must personne utous accompanies to barrierie, personne utous accompanies to those they

☐ Enable citizens to play a part in setting health policies in their area. We will build on current pilot schemes to bring together Health Authorities and Social Services Departments, within the framework of elected local authorities. ☐ Give local people a stronger voice on NHS Trusts. We will end the right of the Secretary of State for Health to appoint members of NHS will end the right of the Secretary of State for Health to appoint members of NHS Trusts, Authorities and Boards. We will require at least half the membership of Trusts to be drawn from the population they serve. We will open up meetings of NHS Trust boards to the public and press, and give local people, staff and professionals speaking rights. We will guarantee direct representation from the staff of each Trust. We will give Community Health Councils improved rights to consultant and greater access to information and meetings.

Il Give the public more say in setting priorities within the NHS. Difficult choices priorines with the very control to the cannot be left to bureaucrats and health professionals alone. We will develop new ways of involving the public in setting health

■ Giving patients more choice Patients should have more choice over their type of treatment, who delivers it and when. We will:

C Enhance the rights of patients. We will strengthen the Patients' Charter and in-clude rights to treatment within a specified time, a choice of GP, information about the options for treatment, guaranteed access to health records and better redress.

C) Ensure that action is taken to improve

poor quality services. We will enable patients and staff to apply directly to our new National inspectorate of Health and Social Care to carry out inspections and take action where deliciencies come to light.

Our aim is to create a society in which

neople, whatever their needs, can live their lives with dignity. We will:

Che people choice in the services they use and the way they are provided. We will require Councils to extend to those over 65 the right to arrange their own care privately, if they wish. This will promote independence and enable them to find better value for money.

Care for carers. We will introduce a new

Carer's Benefit, in place of the Independent Living Allowance, in order to meet more of the financial cost of caring. We will extend one mancai cost of carring. We will extend the Carer's Benefit, as resources allow, to those ower retirement age and work to improve advice, information, training and counselling for carers. We will seek to increase access to respite care and ensure that carers and users are involved in decisions about care. We will draw up a Charter that sets out carers' rights and

Establish high national standards for all ☐ Establish high mational standards for all community care services. Our new independent inspectorate of Health and Social Care will publish codes of practice for residential and nursing homes, and have the power to close any home that consistently falls short of national standards. We will introduce national charging and eligibility guidelines to ensure a "level playing field" of provision and charges.

☐ Protect people from the excessive cost of care. We will, as resources allow, raise the threshold at which older people are threshold at which older people are required to make a contribution to their erm care. We are committed

working on a cross-party basis, to establish a national agreement on a system for funding care services that does not penalise

IN THE WORLD

Make the European Union work more effectively ☐ Widen Europe to democracies of



Central and Eastern Europe.

Create a strong framework for Britain's ence and security through Nato and European co-operation.

Give Britain a leading role in reforming and strengthening the UN and other international institutions.

Promote an enforceable framework for international law, human rights and the Positive leadership in Europe

Britain's interests can only best be pursued through constructive participation in an enlarged European Union. Our vision is of a European Union that is decembalised. democratic and diverse. A strong and united Europe, but one that respects cultural traditions and national and rein seeking to reform the EU, our priorities

ure to: Give the British people a say, Reform that fundamentally changes Britain's place in Europe should only proceed if it has the explicit support of Britain's people. If there is any substantial change in Britain's relationship with the EU, the British people must give their consent through a

🖸 Make EU institutions more democratic and accountable. We will give the House of Commons a more effective role in scrutinising European policy. We also want the Council of Ministers and the EC Commission to be more accountable to the elected European Parliament. We will introduce a fair and proportional voting system for British MEPs in time for the 1999 European Parliament elections.

I Make EU decision-making more

cient and effective. Europe cannot effectively enlarge without improving its decision-making. We therefore favour the wider application of majority voting. But we will keep the veto on all issues relating to the constitution, budgetary matters and regulations on pay and social security. We support the use of the "double majority", especially on matters such as foreign and security policy. Each member state must retain the unlettered right to make its own lecisions on the comm

Personne Britain's interests in Europe Britain has much to gain from EU membership. This will take new leadership, a new approach and a renewed sense of national confidence. Our aims in Europe

☐ Enhance economic prosperity. promoting the freedom of movement people, goods, services and money throughout the EU and by completing the European Single Market, particularly in areas of financial services, pensions and air

D Participate in a successful single currency. Being part of a successful single currency will bring low inflation and low out will result in less

ever, three conditions must be met before Britain can join. First, the single currency must be firmly founded on the Maastricht criteria. Second, Britain must meet those criteria. Third, the British people must have

agreed to it in a referendum. agreed to it in a referendum.

Strengthen the European framework for peace and security. Britain's security and national interests are best pursued in partnership with its European neighbours. We will work to strengthen European Common Foreign and Security policy to enable greater scope for united European action. Individual member states must be free to decide whether or not their national forces will take part in any particular action.

action.

If Fight crime and protect citizens' rights through more effective co-operation between EU states' police and customs forces with greater democratic accountability. We will work to improve European co-operation against cross-border criminal activity and allow free movement for Britain's people throughout Europe. The administration of border controls should remain with individual member nations until they can be confident that the EU's external borders are secure.

can be confident that the EU's enternal burders are secure.
Cl Reform the Common Agricultural Policy, converting it into a system of direct payments to support economic, social and environmental goals in rural communities.
Cl Reform fisheries policies, scrapping the Common Fisheries Policy and replacing it with a new Europe-wide fisheries policy based on the regional management of fish stocks, We will take urgent action to end quota-hopping and begin the phased abolition of industrial fishing.

M Strong defence in an uncertain world The first decades of the next century are likely to be turbulent and unstable everywhere, including within and oround Europe. Britain must maintain an effective security capability. This will best be achieved through Nato and European commention, and this country must creating.

achieved through Nato and European co-operation, and this country must continue to play a full part in both. We will: (I Maintain a strong defence at home and enable the UK to play a leading role in keeping international peace. We will main-tain Britain's overall defence capability at its current level, whilst ensuring UK forces meet current needs and are appropriate to potential threats.

□ Retain Britain's basic nuclear capability

through the Trident submarine force until such time as international multilateral nuclear disarmament can be achieved. We will restrict the number of nuclear warheads on Trident to the same number as

neass on Trocett to the same number as previously deployed Polaris.

Resist the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. We will press for the conclusion a verifiable Comprehensive Test conclusion a verifiable Comprehensive Testi Ban Treaty. We will ensure that Britain plays an active pan in talks to reduce the holdings of strategic nuclear weapons. I Support the principle of common ac-urity. We support the extension of the security guarantees, from which Western Europe has benefited, to the new democ-posite of Control and Ensure Europe We racies of Central and Eastern Europe. We support Nato and its enlargement.

Working for peace, security and In an increasingly inter-dependent world, the security of a medium-sized nation like Britain is best preserved within a frame-work of international law that is effective

■ Reforming the United Nations
Playing a leading role in strengthening and
reforming the UN should be a central
aspect of Britain's foreign policy over the
next decade. We will work to:

Strengthen the UN's peacekeeping capability so that it can take earlier and more effective action to prevent or suppress conflict. This should include establishing fast-track mechanity for negotiations; permanent, on-call, peacekeeping forces made up from high-calibre troops provided made up from high-cauthe troops provided by member states; the reinstatement of a Military Staff Committee; the ustablish-ment of a UN Staff College to train officers; and improvements to the UN's command control, communication and intelligence

capabilities.

Support the establishment of an inter-

 Protecting the global environs Pollution and environmental degradation do not respect national borders. Countries ☐ Take a lead in international environ-mental negotiations. We will press for

tough and legally binding international targets for greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants.

Develop a global system of environmental protection. We will work for the creation of a global environmental organization. ation. We will promote an environmental equivalent of the Geneva Convention, to outlaw gross acts of environmental destruc-

■ Tackling world poverty
The elimination of global lamine, pestilence
and poverty is not only a moral challenge, it

is also essential for the world's long-term stability and posce. We will:

Increase Britain's contribution to overseas aid. We will set out a timetable for sustained progress towards achieving the UN target for overseas development aid of 0.7 per cent of GNP within the next ten years.

Promote a timetable for debt relief to the poorest states including a programme for cancelling debt and the creation of new and

canceung acou and the creation of new and additional resources for debt relief.

Target Britain's bilateral aid where it is most needed. We will focus Britain's bilateral aid on the least developed countries. tries and end the practice of tying aid.

Require states that reverve UK to elopment assistance to respect the lun-damental human rights of their people and suspend UK programmes where these standards are breached.

Controlling arms sales
The global arms trade fuels conflicts, hinders prospering and robs the world's poor of resources? Its growth must be diminished. We will:

[End the sale of British arms, war material, and "dual use" technologies to regimes which abuse human rights, and strictly control arms sales to regions of tension or notential conflict.

tension or potential conflict.

Seek a new international regime to created the arms trade. We will support

control the arms trace, we will support tighter EU-wide restrictions on transfers of military technology to non-democratic re-gimes and press for the establishment of a mandatory UN register, in which all arms sales and transfers must be listed. Ban landmines. We will place an immediate and total ban on the production. stockpiling and export of anti-personnel landmines and work towards a global ban

■ Free and fair trade

Free and fair trade benefits all. The Gan Uruguay Round has successfully lowered barriers to international trade, but further reforms are needed. We will seek action to: tariff and non-tariff barriers, especially against the poorest countries.

☐ Improve global labour standards by

permitting countries to discriminate against goods produced by nations that maintain practices such as child, slave and forced labour. We will support the work of the International Labour Organisation in raising labour standards throughout the

☐ Advance environmental objectives We support the addition of an environmental sustainability clause to the Gatt, setting out agreed principles of environmental policy against which trade measures can be Reduce transnational cornorations' abil-

ity to abuse market power, through the competition policy.

How we would alter tax and government spending

CURRENT TAXATION

Total=£315bn per year

Other financing

Where the Government's money comes from (Expected government revenue 1997-98)

CURRENT SPENDING How the Government is spending your money (Current government spending plans 1997-98) Total=£315bn per year industry, Agriculture. Social Security

by £2,050 million. by £565 million. by £265 million.

How these proposals would change government spending over a full year.

Liberal Democrats would increase govern-

be delivered to each UK household follow-ing the Budget each year. This Annual Tax Contract will be in keeping with our four

i. No taxation without explanation: central

Government should inform taxpayers of

the ways in which their money is raised and

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spent, just as local councils now do. 2. No promises unless the bill is attached:

A copy of our Annual Tax Contract will

ment spending on:

ment spending on:

Private consultants...

Liberal Democrats would decrease govern-, by £120 million. Publicity by £50 million.

Empty properties by £25 million. ■ How these proposals would change your income tax (97/98). New personal 12x allowance £4.245

4. Fair tax for all: tax bands, rates and reliefs should ensure that everyone contributes according to their ability to pay and that the tax burden is fairly shared. We will aim to take more of those on low incomes out of tax completely. We will clamp down on tax avoidance and evasion. We will provide a mechanism for people to give their views on tax and spending priorities.

Costing our commitment:

TAX

people have the right to know the Governments priorities and how much they will cost. When we make significant changes in our tax and spending priorities we will tell our text and spending priorities we will ret people where the money has come from. We will ask the National Audit Office to make sure that additional expenditure ear-marked for specific projects is spent

3. No more tax without tacking waste: each year we will set out the measures which we plan to implement in order to reduce wasteful expenditure and deliver best value for money to taxpayers. We will never raise taxes without first scrutinising Government expenditure for waste.

☐ We have issued alongside this manifesto

Costings Supplement to show in detail how our proposals will be linanced. \[\text{\text{We will raise the basic rate of income ta:}} \] by one penny in the pound — from 23p to 24p — to help finance our £2bn per year programme of Education investment. programme of Education threstment. We will increase the amount of income which people can receive before they start to pay income tax by \$200 per year to \$4,245. This tax cut will be paid for by introducing a new rate of income tax of \$60%, payable on axable income of over £100,000 per year

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income (an altogether. [] We will put 5p on a packet of cigarettes and use the money to restore free eye and dental checks for all and freeze prescription Main income tax changes:

Around 70% of Adults will pay lower or

Around half of all income taxpayers would be better off or no worse off under our income (ax proposals.

unchanged income tax under

☐ Excluding those earning over £100,000 per vest, the average income taxpayer will pay only around 15p extra per week in ncome tax under our plans.

Half a million people will be freed from Ethnic minorities Despite progress over recent years, mem-bers of ethnic minorities are too often denied equal opportunities and have to face racism and discrimination on a daily basis.

M Our priorities ☐ Halt all finance driven dosures for -6 months, pending an independent audis of needs and facilities. ☐ Invest £200 million each year to recruit more staff for front-line patient care. This would be enough, for example, for 10,000 extra nurses or 5,000

☐ Cur hospital waiting lists to a maxim of six months over three years.

☐ Match NHS facilities to needs. We will

End the built-in two-tier service in the NHS. We will end the present system where treatment depends on the type of GP people go to. We will treat all GPs equally, with a common basis for funding. We want all GPs to have the benefits of flexibility and

C) Raise standards of cure in all areas. We will set up a National Inspectorate for Health and Social Care to improve standards and promote patients' interests. This body will work with the Audit Commission to ensure that all spending is monitored and results in real improvements in patient

We Funding the Health Service
The NHS is underfunded. Too much goes
into bureaucracy and not enough into
patient care. There is a crisis in the NHS. especially in hospitals. Morale is dropping, standards of care are at risk from underfunding and highly qualified doctors and nurses are leaving the profession. We

☐ invest more in the NHS. We will invest

■ Building on the best of the NHS The NHS needs to be strengthened and improved. We will:

improve the quality of care and raise

☐ Tackle the crisis in NHS dental care. We

☐ Make prevention a priority. We will immediately abolish charges for eye and immediately abolish charges for eye and dental check-ups and freeze prescription charges as the first steps in a radical shift of

Encourage people to take more responsibility for their own health. We will improve health education and promote healthy living. We will bun tobacco advertising and promotion and increase the duty on tobacco products. We will make the Health Education Authority truly independently the products of the products of the products.

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EXCUSIVE REMAINS CONTRACTOR



Liquidators of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) will this week resume civil proceedings against Abbas Gokal, the disgraced shipping tycoon, in their efforts to recover funds

for depositors. Gokal, 61, was convicted of fraud and false accounting involving \$1.2 billion, and will be sentenced next month. Christopher Morris of Deloitte & Touche, the joint liquidator, intends to press on with civil action against him.
Further proceedings are
pending in Pakistan against
Gokal's defunct shipping company, the Gulf Group,

The liquidators believe Gokal may have assets worth £20 million, including a home in Ealing. West London, held through nominee companies.

High hopes

Managers of small and medium-sized companies in Britain and Spain are confident about their economic prospects, while their counterparts in France, Germany and Italy remain pessimistic. According to the 3i European Enterprise Centre survey out today, managers of British and Spanish companies expect to take on more staff in the year ahead and see higher turnover and profit.

Strong pressure

Pressure from non-executive directors on Liam Strong. chief executive of the ailing Sears retail group, is likely to intensify at a board meeting today after disappointing news from the Selfridges Freemans and Adams group. So far Mr Strong has been stoutly defended by Sir Bob Reid, the chairman.

Lost millions

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell (DMG) has confirmed that it lost several million pounds described as "minimal" from trades by the bank's New York operation as a result of a difference of opinion over valuation in equity

Low pay deals

Average pay deals in the engineering industry in the three months to February were at their lowest for two years, at 3.08 per cent, according to a survey of more than 400 firms from the Engineering Employers' Pederation.

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Tesco tipped to hit rivals for six with 10 per cent profit rise

TESCO: Full-year figures to-morrow should confirm the group's position as Britain's premier food retailer as Terry Leahy settles into the chief executive's chair. A recent industry survey indicated Tesco was continuing to grab market share at the expense of

its closest rival, J. Sainsbury. NatWest Securities is looking for a 10 per cent increase in pre-tax profits from £680.7 million last year, to around E750 million, producing an 8 per cent increase in earnings per share to 23.7p. Overall sales are thought to have risen about 14 per cent to £13.7 billi-on with like-for-like sales up a healthy 7.5 per cent, two points above the industry average. Any fall in prices will have been more than offset by improved sales volumes of 5 per cent generated by Clubcard and Christmas promotions. A healthy increase in petrol margins is likely to trim an overall reduction in margins.

The move into financial services is likely to result in start-up costs of E15 million next year and in 1999, but NatWest continues to look for a final figure in the current year of £815 million. A 9 per cent increase in the payout to 10.5p is envisaged.

MANCHESTER UNITED: The Premiership side's Old Trafford stadium is filled to its 55,000 capacity every home game now that the new stand has been completed. That increase in gate revenue should be clearly reflected in half-year figures today, with pre-tax profits before transfers ranging from £16 million to £18 million, compared with £11 million last time. The figures are usually heavily weighted towards the first half, which covers the main football season. Even so, brokers are looking for full-year profits of £27.5 million against £16.7 million last time.

TARMAC: Brokers will be keeping a close eye on the group's progress after the



Terry Leahy is expected field an impressive set of figures for Tesco tomorrow In the US profits will be up

with the help of a combination

of higher prices and volumes

and reduced costs. Profession-

al services may have traded in

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rovement. The dividend is

asset swap with rival George Wimpey. Signs of improved efficiency will be required when the group unveils fullyear figures tomorrow, although this is unlikely to be reflected in the profit numbers.

At the pre-tax level profits are expected to tumble almost 40 per cent from £97.1 million to £60 million, with earnings down from 7.5p to 4.5p. On the plus side, the aggregates arm of the business should reveal firm volumes, with prices in Britain up between 6 per cent and 8 per cent, explaining why many investors have been happy to play Tarmac as a recovery situation.

likely to be pegged at 5.5p. HIGHLAND DISTILLERIES: There will be keen interest in half-year figures tomorrow. with brokers anxious to see how Macallan Glenlivet is settling in after last year's acq-

uisition. Profits at the pre-tax level will be up 17 per cent from £22.2 million to £26 million. boosted by a first-time contribution from Macallan, which makes around 60 per cent of its profits during the period covering Christmas, As a result, Macallan will have enhanced earnings during the first half, but is likely to dilute earnings for the year as a

Both the price and sales of its Famous Grouse brand have declined marginally during the past three years, largely because of aggressive pricing tactics by rivals Bell's and Teacher's. The market will want to be reassured that the change of ownership has not disrupted the strong growth enjoyed by Macailan

SMITHS INDUSTRIES: A strong performance from the group is expected by brokers when it unveils half-year figures on Wednesday. Pre-tax profits of around £80 million have been pencilled in, com-pared with £69.5 million last time. That is likely to produce earnings per share up from

15.4p to 17.4p.

Much of that growth is expected to come from aerospace, which continues to enjoy a revival of fortune worldwide. Smiths will have benefited from increased production quotas for the Boeing 737 and 777 series of which more than 1,000 are on order. This trend is expected to continue over the next few years with increased volumes pushing up margins.

In addition, medical systerns is expected to provide double-digit growth, while the return on investments is likely to be around 13 per cent. The payout should grow 14 per cent from 5.6p to 6.4p.

RMC GROUP: The German recession is likely to cast a long shadow over the full-year figures on Thursday, with most brokers looking for a sharp downtum in profitability. Current estimates range from £260 million to £275 million, compared with £329.3 million last time. That is a downturn of almost 20 per cent. Earnings per share will be down 21 per cent from 77.5p to 61.lp.

The group is thought to have turned in a solid performance in Britain, underpinned by the upturn in housing starts during the sec-ond half of the year. This will have spilled over into other areas of the business such as aggregates, blocks, concrete products and blacktop.

The lackiustre German residential housing market and a rising tax charge will take much of the glitter off this otherwise impressive formance. Yet shareholders might be able to expect a small increase in the dividend of around 4 per cent to 26,25p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

City looks for pointers on interest rates

conomic statistics are likely to take a back seat for the next couple of weeks, now that the election campaign is in full flow, with the markets most concerned with pointers for the interest rate outlook in the summer.

The monthly monetary meeting on Thursday is expected to be purely academic, unless Kenneth Clarke makes a surprising bid for a place in history by becoming the first Chancellor to raise rates in the middle of an election cam-paign. Eddie George, Gover-nor of the Bank of England, is expected to use the occasion as a warm-up for the more important May meeting, when the Bank is likely to press the incoming Chancellor for an immediate rate rise.

The industrial production figures, published on Wednesday, are expected to show that the manufacturing sector remains relatively weak, with the rising pound beginning to take its toll of export output. MMS, the economic forecast

group, predicts that manufacturing production will fall 0.1 per cent in February with the annual rate declining from 1.6 per cent to 1.4 per cent.
In the US, Wall Street will

be nervously watching the retail sales figures for March, due to be released on Friday. Evidence of further strong demand growth will harden the view that the Federal Reserve will tighten rates further in the coming months. MMS predicts retail sales will grow strongly again, rising 0.8 per cent in March. But factory-gate prices are predicted to remain subdued with no change in March expected for the producer prices index.

The German Government should be able to take some relief from the latest unemployment figures from Germany, due out tomorrow. Unemployment is predicted to fall by around 30,000 from its record high - the first decline

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Manchester United, MY Holdings. Finals: Burmah Castrol, CFS Group, DCS Group, Goldsmiths Group, In-termediate Capital Group, Moss Bros Group, Thompson Clive Investment, Trafficmaster, Eco-nomic statistics: G10 contral bank governors' committee meeting at Bank for Inter-national Settlements.

TOMORROW

Interims: James Halstead Group, Highland Distilleries, London & St Lawrence, Finals; Branda Hatch Leisure, Cassell, Horace Clarkson, Dewhiret Group, Golden Vale, IBC Group, Oasis Stores, QS Holdings, RJB Mining, Tarmac, Tesco, Vymura, Yorkiyde.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Dowding & Mills, Smiths industries. Finals: Ab-bot Group, Caverdale Group, Friendly Hotels, Highcroft In-vestment Trust, Lamont Hold-Ings, Martin International, Serting Estrologie State Sentry Farming, Economic sta-tistics: February Industrial production, manufacturing out-put, February housing starts

THURSDAY

Interims: Wysfield. Finals: CIA Group, French Connection, RMC Group. Economic statis-tics: Kenneth Clarke/Eddle George monthly monetary pol-lcy meeting; February new construction orders; SMMT March new car registrations.

FRIDAY

Interims: Cirqual. Finals: None

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Smiths Industries. Medeva and J Saville Gordon; Hold LucasVarity, Burmah Castrol and Roxspur. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Flextech. Cassell and Rackwood Minerals. Mail on Sunday: Buy Maid and Pembertons. Sunday Business: Buy Glynwed International, Chemring.

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ow can a government that is presiding over such a strong economic performance be so far behind in the opinion polls? The answer tells us something about past failure, but even more about past success.

Perhaps the voters do not feel as well off as the current economic statistics imply they should? The Eighties were a sustained consumer boom whereas the current consumer strength comes after a

period of comparative restraint. The average growth of con-sumption in the five years 1984-88 was just over 5 per cent. The equivalent figure for 1992-96 is 2 per cent. And, of course, an average is an average. There are plenty of individuals who are not able to join in the spending spree, still weighed down by the effects of the recession.

But economics is not only about statistics. The expression "consumer confidence" says it all. When it comes to people, how they feel about their situation is critical. The well-attested feelings of job insecu-

Tories are victims of their own success

rity, whether justified or not, are job, or to fantasise about early surely weighing on voters' concep-tion of how well off they are.

Moreover, illusions can also play a part. People may be feeling worse off than they really are because they are missing inflation. Not the price rises, of course, but the big pay rises and surging house prices. In the past few months, they have again enjoyed this elixir, but the doses are well down on previously accustomed

Inflation gets into the psyche. The inflationary culture may remain unaffected long after the inflation rate has fallen. Whatever economists say about real values, a 3 or 4 per cent pay rise does not feel like justification for a celebratory dinner, while a 7 or 8 per cent increase in property prices does not allow you to reckon that your house earned you more than your

retirement. To the extent that the Conservatives are suffering in the polls because of low inflation they are the victims of their own success. This is also true in a deeper sense. For the best part of two decades now, they have told us from the State, but rather to look to our own efforts. Unemployment soaring? Not the Government's fault, we were told. Unions should moderate their pay demands and then more jobs would appear. And for those caught without a job while they waited for unions to moderate their demands, the message was even clearer — "get on your bike". Company profits under pressure? Not the Government's affair. "Cut your costs and

manage your business properly."
In the end, individuals and

companies got the message, and

BROWN, SHIPLEY & CO.

the merchant bank, will to-day resign as an adviser to

companies on the Alternative

Investment Market after its

entire AIM team left to join

larger companies (Fraser Nelson writes).



Government wishes to claim that success for itself. But people know that they have won it by their own efforts not as the result of some government handout, or even some masterminded official

Indeed, rather the opposite. People know that the current strong economic recovery, accom-panied by low inflation and low interest rates, was facilitated by our exit from the ERM. They also know that, far from this being the result of carefully laid plans, it came despite the Government's

best efforts to stay in.

In their expectation of credit for recent economic performance, the Conservatives are showing that they have not fully learnt their OWT lessons. Before they began their programme of withdrawal from economic management, under both parties the State was deeply involved in nearly all major economic decisions. Not only did it claim to operate the macroeconomic levers so as to ensure full employment, but through ownership of the nationalised industries it influenced key decisions on the level and type of investment, employment and prices. It also

over pay and prices even in the private sector, through various sorts of prices and incomes policy. and through its continuous efforts to mollify the trade unions.

Meanwhile, economic relations with the rest of the world were conducted through an exchange rate set and maintained by the State. Moreover, if a company wanted to invest abroad, the State controlled its access to funds. If you wanted to go on holiday, the State told you how much spending money you could take in foreign Scarce wonder, that in this

had times, or even if it needed finance to prepare for good times, you asked the State for help. For an economy run like this,

environment, if your company hit

performance is surely down to the Government. But this is precisely

the sort of economy that the Conservatives sought to break away from. And they succeeded. That's why they do not get the credit for current prosperity. In a sense — of which they should feel proud — they don't deserve it. Nevertheless, surely the Conservatives do deserve credit for shrinking the economic role of the State and encouraging markets in the first place? But so great has been their success in the battle of ideas that this is now the new cross-party consensus. What's more, the voters now take it for granted. Consequently, economic competence is no longer an elec-tion winner. The business of politics can now revolve around other issues - just as it used to in

the 19th century.

It is rather like Winston Churchill's failure to win the general election in 1945. It was not that voters did not appreciate what he had done to win the war, but rather that politics had moved on. With the war won, the issue was what to do with the peace.

ScotPower in dispute over assets of Manweb

By CARL MORTISHED

tor has qualified its opinion of the 1996 regulatory accounts of Manweb, the regional electricity company acquired by ScottishPower in a contested £1.1 billion takeover in 1995.

Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, has taken issue with ScottishPower's decision not to write down the value of Manweb's distribution assets.

According to the accountant, the assets are overstated by £264 million in the current cost accounts and should have been written down, a change which would have left Manweb with an operating loss of E196 million for the year to March 31, 1996.

The disagreement highlights the problem facing BG, which has been warned by its auditor, Price Waterhouse, that it may have to write down the assets of TransCo by billions of pounds if the Monopolies and Mergers Commission adopts the much lower Oigas valuation of the pipeline system.

The accounting debate puts a spotlight on the gas regulator's decision to base her valuation of TransCo on the price at which the shareholders invested in the business rather than the cost of replacing the assets. The MMC is due to hand its report to the

over

DTI in the coming weeks. dispute

SCOTTISHPOWER'S audi- Manweb's asset value arose after the takeover and the need to attribute a fair value to Manweb's assets.

This was set at £594 million. a figure which is equivalent to the asset value used by the regulator in establishing a pricing formula for Manweb but is lower than the net current replacement cost of £858 million.

The latter figure is arrived at by applying an inflation index to the historic cost of the assets. According to current cost accounting rules, the as-sets must be stated at the lower of net current replacement cost and recoverable amount.

The issue facing the utilities is even more thorny because under current cost rules Manweb's depreciation charge would remain high even had it written down the assets. The current cost convention requires a company to assess depreciation on the full cost of rebuilding the asset

base today. Scottish Power said that it chose not to write down the assets in the regulatory accounts because these current cost accounts are used largely for comparative purposes and the other regional electricity companies (Recs) have not written down their assets. "It is easier to compare, if all the Recs are doing the same," a spokesman said.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Brown, Shipley to resign as AIM adviser

change requirement, that nominated advisers have at least four staff qualified to work with AIM companies. The bank is the first adviser As a result, it has lost its 12 to fall foul of the Stock Exclients, including Mulberry

Group and newly floated Sanctuary Music. Most have found new advisers and none is expected to lose its listing. Alpha Omikron last week became the third company to

be ejected from the AIM after it failed to find a replacement for Henderson Crosthwaite.

which resigned as its adviser. The events caused concern that Stock Exchange rules

to appoint successors if dropped by nominated advisers. Many of Brown's clients were able to ask their broker to double as adviser, but they

ished from the market if unable to find a successor within two months. give companies too little time

The junior exchange did slightly better than the main list under the global market downturn last week, with the FT-SE AIM index down 1.94 per cent to 1,087.80.

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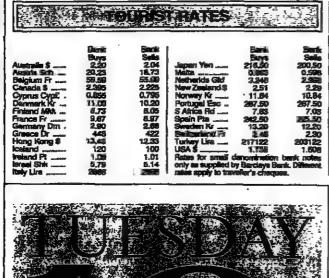
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Train groups on 'wrong side of financial tracks'

BY ROBERT MILLER

A DAMNING report pub-lished today spells out the serious financial difficulties faced by at least five of the newly privatised train com-

The Prospects for the Fran-chised Railway, compiled by Tim Powell, a former transport studies director at Coopers & Lybrand, says that five of the new train companies will incur heavy losses during their franchise terms. At least five others are likely to experience "serious financial

Mr Powell is expected to conclude that a number of the train companies will need to receive additional public funding if the travelling public and commuters are not to face further serious disruption.

In his report, commissioned by Save Our Railways, a pressure group, Mr Powell sets out which franchises face

respectable returns. The 25 privatised rail companies will receive £1.84 billion worth of subsidies in the current financial year, falling to £729.3 million by 2003-04, when the seven-year franchises end.

Keith Bill, national secretary of Save Our Railways. said: This report will shock most people in the rail industry, the City and, of course, rail passengers in many parts of

Many of the train companies that successfully ten-dered for privatised rail contracts did so on bullish forecasts of future profitability, with little margin built in for error. On the heavily used commuter lines, particularly in the South East and South West, there is little prospect of auracting a huge increase in the number of regular custom-

Some franchises, however, collapse and which will make start off by receiving relatively

large subsidies tailing off to a point where they will be paying back funds to the Franchising Director.

Virgin West Coast, for example, part of Richard Branson's group of companies, is investing £750 million and receiving a further £1.5 billion in subsidy. But before its 15-year contract ends Virgin West Coast will be paying back more than £200 million a year.

Will Whitehorn, Virgin's spokesman, said yesterday: "We are investing heavily in new high-speed tilting trains. and when we have completed the programme we aim to cut journey times and take on airlines, coaches and cars. We hope to cut the journey of two hours and 50 minutes to Manchester by an hour,"

Specific details of the privatised rail companies facing financial difficulties will be unveiled today.



Ernest Saunders, believed to be earning \$500,000 a year in the US, is at the centre of a row between shareholders

Saunders forced back into spotlight

By Graham Searjeant

ERNEST SAUNDERS, the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, is in an meomfortable position at the centre of a business and legal row that has blown up between the two main shareholders of Harpur-Gelco, a

Minneapolis-based information systems group that runs the Overdrive and Dialcard fuelcards.

The row between David Elias, whose Richbell group controlled Harpur, and Jupiter Partners of the US, majority holder of the merged H-G Holdings, has unveiled Mr to an international management role thought to be pay-ing him \$500,000 a year.

He has been chairing H-G's management committee. without being a director, since last July, when he was brought in to guide the managers of the group, whose 1994

smooth. After Mr Saunders' early release from Ford open prison. Mr Elias was one of the first to use his talents as a consultant to Richbell. Now the two have fallen out. Overworked lawyers were once more trying to counter any

Utilities to launch rates fight

BY ROBERT MILLER

PRIVATISED utility companies are to launch a campaign against plans to link a new business rate with profits that could cost

up to £3 billion a year. The 12-strong Wood committee, set up by the Depart-ment of the Environment last November under the chairmanship of a leading QC. is studying different ways in which the former public utilities might pay rates in the future.

Such a new tax would be in addition to Labour's planned "windfall" levy. The Wood committee, which is due to report in September might introduce a new formula to calculate the level of rates paid by water, electricity, gas and rail companies. Kay Hand, of the Electricity Association, which represents power companies. generators and distributors, said it would submit responses to the committee shortly. The association is expected to argue that utilities should be taxed in the same way as

After May 1: EMU debated and rates up

This Thursday, the curtain will drop for the last time on the Ken and Eddie show, unless opinion polls turn out to be even more misleading than in 1992. The case for a rate hike has grown, but - however much Kenneth Clarke wants to be remembered as a sound Chancellor -- the economy remains the Conservatives' one trump card and a rate hike now would only strengthen Labour's claim that an unsustainable pre-election boom

has been created. With Labour already using the "b" word, the odds of rate hikes after the election are high. The Deputy Governor of the Bank of England has said he would prefer base higher, Gordon Brown, the putative Chancellor, will want to earn credibility, and can blame Tory excesses. Expect a half-point base rate rise as early as May 7, when the first monetary meeting GHT-EDGED

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due. As base rates rise, the yield curve will flatten, but this, in itself, is no reason to buy gilts at present. If base rates rise by only a half point immediately after the election, investors are better off holding cash, unless yields on ten-year gilts rise by less than seven basis points. Such a small rise in yields would imply a significant and unlikely flattening of the tenyear yield curve from 1.5 to one percentage point. In the event of base rates rising a further half point later this summer, the break-even rise in yield drops to six basis points and the yield curve would have to become as flat as it was in 1992, when the UK was in recession, with a gap of only 0.45 per cent between

One can argue that a base rate hike is already dis-counted, but one needs only to look at recent behaviour in the US to see the dangers in this assumption. Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, made it pretty clear that he intended to raise rates and so it was supposedly discounted by the markets. Nevertheless, in the week after the quarter-point Fed funds hike, ten-year US yields backed up 0.2 per cent. Inves-

three-month and ten-year

tors have reasoned that if the Fed can hike once, it can hike twice or even thrice. It is likely to be a similar story in the UK. This interest-rate cycle will not be as dramatic as previous cycles, but rates are a blunt weapon and Labour has eschewed raising income taxes as an alternative way to restrain demand - at least in its first Budget. Surprisingly, the gilts mar-

ket has been warming to the idea of a Labour victory. Even more surprising is the fact that the market wants a landslide. One opinion poll last week showed Labour's lead shrinking. If this were to continue, raising the spectre of only a narrow Labour victory or even a hung parliament, gilt yields would rise. It is argued that a sizeable majority would strengthen the leadership's hand and enable Tony Blair to keep the remaining left-wing pressure groups in his party under con-

trol. In this case, fiscal and monetary policy would be

relatively tight, but, more importantly, Mr Blair would be able to override the Labour Eurosceptics and adopt a pro-EMU stance. If the UK is going to join EMU, the gilt-Bund spread is extremely attractive, even if entry is delayed a year or two.

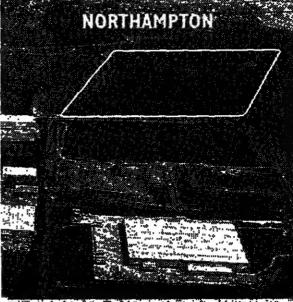
Certainly, after the election, the EMU debate will heat up. Continental governments have been quiet about the UK's position, but this will change after May I; business is also likely to become more vocal about risks of being left out. However. Labour has pledged a referendum and Mr Brown has aiready added his own conditions to the Maastricht criteria. As for fiscal policy, demands on the public purse already seem to be building up, even with very low rates of unemployment and even before the pressure groups muffled by Mr Blair in the run-up to the election come out of the woodwork. It will be some months before Labour's policies become dear. Meanwhile, base rates will rise. Investors considering buying gilts should hold off for a few months.

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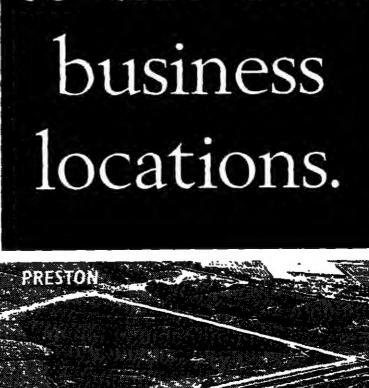


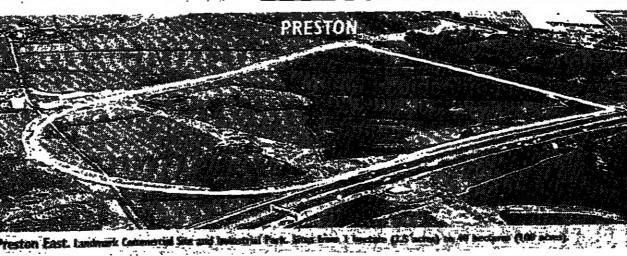




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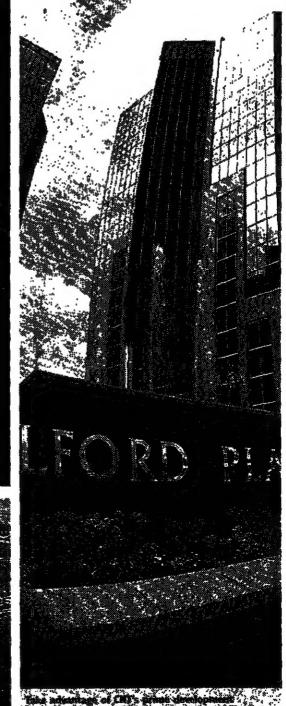


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WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 38

(b) Pertaining to the lap or bosom. As a noun, 'the cloth laid on a bishop's knees to keep the oil off his vestments during ordinations'. Also gremial is a suitable word for a table napkin. which can be tucked in at the neck or spread across the lap.

(c) Thunderous, explosive. From the Latin words for thunder and thunderous, "And what is our mood this merry evening. Moon of my Delight? Equanimitous or tonitruous?"

(c) To seratch, scrape or cut with a sound that grates the ears.
Onomatopoetic. A useful little word that deserves to be more
widely used, for example, to describe the screech of chalk or
fingernail on blackboard, or the compositions of some modern

(c) Having feet adapated for use as oars. For example, swans, ducks and certain insects. From the Latin remex a rower, remigo ducks and certain insects. From the Latin remex a rower, remigo ducks and certain insects. From the Latin remex a substitute for I row + pes, pedis a foot. The word may be used as a substitute for I row + pes, pedis a foot. megapod when arguing with a policeman.

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REPORT OF STREET

The hunt is on for partners, says Oliver August

Airbus aims high with plans for superjumbo

plant in Toulouse is the birthplace of future European industrial power. To others, it is yet another example of wasteful continental megalomania. Eurosceptics point to Concorde, which soon conformed to the British view of all things French. It sounded great on paper but turned out to be as profitable as the glass pyramid in front of the Louvre.

Airbus managers can now point with pride to their own family of aircraft. Last week British Midland ordered its first planes made in Toulouse in a £200 million deal. The European consortium has not vet matched Boeing's profits, but it is not far from outselling the world's top planemaker.

Concorde One, the first supersonic passenger aircraft, is parked by the factory gates, a reminder of past follies. In the plant, engineers from the four partner nations are assembling the half a million parts that make up an Airbus. Bearded men with Costa del Sol tans are hunched over a spaghetti junction of wires inside an A310 wing, assembled on the old Concorde production site.

The wing skeleton was built in Chester by British Aerospace, flown to Dasa in Hamburg for finishing and sent to Toulouse to be fitted to the fuselage by Aerospatiale. Other wing parts originate from Casa in Spain. The finished aircraft is flown back to Hamburg for the seats to be fitted. European integration in its truest form.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, likes to speak of the lands between the Atlantic and the Urals as the common European house. If he came to the A340 plant, the largest building in Europe, according to Airbus, he would find modern technology used to engineer European integration. The bearded men call it automatic riveting. The tiny nuts that hold the aircraft together are shot into the fuselage by a blue octopus-like machine wrapped around the

One shudders at the thought of dealing with the political riveting machine. Yet, on his visit, Herr Kohl would no doubt notice that even here in the haven of Euro integration. the British stay on the fringes.

The British Aerospace production centre is hidden on the far side of the plant behind heavy-duty security fences. Over lunch, one French executive bemoaned that the Eng-



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Source: Merrill	Lynch							

lish Channel was still wider than the Atlantic Ocean. Airbus is still less than its constituent companies.

The consortium is about to undergo rite of passage that could establish it as an innovative leader in the world aviation market, or kill the company in one swoop by burdening it with debts. The project in question is the superjumbo, or A3XX

Boeing has cornered the market in large aircraft with its 747, earning princely profits. Airbus offers its own twin-aisle jumbos, but the 747 is significantly larger. Hence, Airbus is planning to launch a doubledeck aircraft that can carry up to 800 or even 1,000 passengers. It is hoping to open up its own large aircraft market and outdo the money-making machine in Seattle. Designers have combined modern fly-by-wire avionics with a fuselage that could hold a McDonald's outlet, a

gym or a bar. The problem is how to pay for it. The cost of developing the A3XX is unclear. The official Airbus figure is \$8 billion. Sir Richard Evans, BAe chief executive and an Airbus board member, puts the figure closer to \$10 billion. Boeing thinks its rival might spend as much as \$12 billion. Mindful of Concorde, some analysts say \$15 billion is not

hatever the final sum, Airbus does not have that kind of money. Sir Richard said: The A3XX will not be built unless we bring in new partners." Airbus is talking about giving 40 per cent of the project to risksharing partners. The logic is simple. Other national champion manufacturers will contribute new funds and act as salesmen to their national

Airbus is conducting a beauty pageant for competitors interested in a slice of

growing demand for flights, with a particularly high demand for large aircraft. Korean and Chinese companies are the main focus. China alone. with its billion-plus population and annual economic growth of more than 10 per cent, would be ideally suited to the A3XX. Airbus said: "We intend to allocate at least 10-15 per cent of the project to the

Airbus also wants to make local suppliers risk-sharing partners. This would be the first time that Middle England's widget makers would be involved in such a huge project. Risk-sharing in their cases would mean they had to pay for the development of their own tools and production facilities without being guaranteed usage.

ast, but never least, Airbus wants to tap the budgets of European governments not for handouts but launchaid loans. The economic climate may never be as favourable. Barnaby Wiener, of Merrill Lynch, said: "Labour governments have traditionally been keen on longterm investments like this." But Gordon Brown, if he becomes Chancellor, is unlikely to be generous.

BAe could ask for £240 million. Launch aid covers a third of development costs, say \$3 billion. After Airbus has farmed out 40 per cent, BAe's A3XX stake will be 12 per cent. As a percentage of \$3 billion that is \$360 million, or £240 million. The Treasury will need no rocket scientists to work out the commitment.

Is the A3XX another Concorde? Airbus makes a vigourous case for the aircraft. Its research suggests a market for 1,440 superjumbos over the next two decades. Analysis believe realistic demand is only half that. Who is right is secondary. Calculations by Mr Wiener suggest that even at lower production rates, the A3XX can be profitable as long as investment costs are kept down and operating margins

are healthy. Airbus could make an 8.3 per cent return on its A3XX investment even if it sold only half as many aircraft as analysts predict, 30 a year. However, this assumes investment costs of only \$10 billion and operating margins of at least 15 per cent.

Whether Airbus is a Phoenix or an Icarus, it's all in the numbers. And should you want a superjumbo, the price tag is \$198 million.

their temper with colleagues

who hog office equipment, according to a survey by

Gestetner, the distributor of

office automation products. A

shameless 7 per cent admit to

never refilling the photocopier after using the last sheet of paper. More than half admit

A gift for making money

TELEVISION CHOICE

Mrs Cohen's Money Channel 4. 8.00pm

Meet Mrs Bernice Cohen, one of the less likely hosts for a series on personal finance. But Mrs Cohen has been there and done it and sees no reason why we, too, should not make our money grow like weeds. She is 60, small and voluble and sounds like Barbara Windsor. Seven years ago she lost all her savings in a self-publishing venture. She started again and has made a fortune by investing in stocks and shares. She did it, and this is the message she wants to pass on, with no formal training. Brushing aside the common perception that the stock market is risky, she urges us to remove our money away from boring building societies and take the plunge. Perhaps not all of us have Mrs B's shrewdness. Sensing that Polly Peck was in trouble site sold her shares before you could say Asil Nadir. Much bigger investors were left wishing they had done the same.

The Antiques Show BBC2, 8-30pm

The title is apt. This is not the Antiques Roadshow but a close relative. The new series can offer no equivalent to the amazed look of somebody who paid ten bob for a painting at a jumble sale and now discovers it is worth thousands of pounds. But the magazine format, linked by Francine Stock, offers a diverting mixture of regular strands and one-off reports and has a less elitist feel. The tone is set with a feature on Bridget Beasley, who has been collecting anything and everything for 26 years and has an amazingly cluttered house to prove it. Except that she would not call it clutter. The programme follows an antiques dealer on his rounds and seeks ideas on the antiques of the starting to hoard designer lavatory brushes as if they were bars of gold. future. If you believe Sebastian Conran you will be

Channel 4, 9.00pm

There cannot be many GPs who claim Bertolt a Brecht poem constantly in mind. It goes like this. A poor man visits his doctor with a chest infection because his house is damp. The doctor gives the



Presenter Francine Stock (BBC2, 8.30pm)

man a prescription but says he really needs a prescription for a new house. Dr Esmail runs a practice in inner-city Manchester. He and his team deal with people who are often victims of bad social conditions. Alcoholism. drug abuse, depression and mental illness are common. It is not surprising that patients can be difficult. sometimes that patients can be difficult, sometimes aggressive, and NHS resources are stretched thin. This three-part series highlights dedicated professionals who balance demanding jobs with looking after families and hope, when the evidence often seems to be the contrary, that they can make

Armstrong and Miller Channel 4, 11.00pm

It is no good asking the real Alexander Armstrong and Ben Miller to stand up, for the essence of their act is appearing as other people. Their force is the comedy sketch and they write their material as well as perform it. They have emerged as one of the most promising young double acts on the circuit though on the evidence of this selection, culled from their recent series on the Paramount Comedy Channel, they are still looking to establish a singular identity. Their Flavia and Venetia, shrill the processing restaurant, are Hinge and owners of a vegetarian restaurant, are Hinge and Bracket crossed with the Two Fat Ladies. But they show a shrewd appreciation of the absurd and they have absorbed that most useful rule of comedy: never be afraid of underplaying. Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Great Clubs of Europe Radio 5 Live. 7.35pm

It's football clubs that soccer commentator John Motson is on about, specifically some of the clubs that have won the European Cup. This is a six-part series, kicking off tonight with a profile of Real Madrid. In the second half of the 1950s, it began to look as if the cup had taken up permanent residence in Spain — five consecutive wins from 1956 to 1960, another win in 1966 and runners-up honours in 1962 and 1964. Inevitably, Motson recalls the contributions that Alfredo Di Stefano and the Brazilian Raul made to Real Madrid's remarkable run of successes. In the coming weeks, Great Clubs of Europe will be turning the spotlight on Cehic, Ajax, Bayern Munich, Liverpool and AC

RADIO 1

7.00 Mark Reduitle Breakfast Show 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whitey 1.00pm Nocky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Live Music Undate 8.40 Andy Kershaw 10.30 Mary Arme Hobbs 1.00pm Clare Sturgess 4.00 Cive

6.00em Sarah Kennady 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruca 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30 Debbis Thrower 3.00 Ed Stawert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Matcohn Laycock 9.00 Big Band Special 9.30 Hayes over Britain 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Medden 3.00

RADIO 5 LIVE

m Morning Reports 6. The Magazine with Diana Madili 12.00 Midday with Mair, Includes at 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.00 Ruscos on Rive 4.00 John Invertisis Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 Great Clubs of Europe. See Choice 8.00 The Monday Match Leeds v Blackburn Rovers. Plus news of the weekand's European football 10.00 Brian Hayes's Section Night 12.00 After Hours with Paul Hernott and Linda McDermott 2.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Wari 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorrane Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Pater Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Mille Olckin

Everything but the Crazyhouse Radio 3, 3.45pm

They've given Russell Davies a series of six halfhour slots to attempt to present a profile of the life of the great jazz player and composer Sidney Bechet. Three hours seems like quite a lot, but it's woefully insufficient to get the full measure of this high achiever. Episode one takes in his apprenticeship years in New Orleans, his move to Chicago and, portentously, to London as clarinet player with the Southern Syncopated Orchestra. It was in London that he swopped clarinet for soprano sax. The celebrated conductor Ernest Ansermet hailed him as a musician of genius and presciently observed that the way he played was perhaps the highway the whole world will swing

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour, 5,30mm Europe Today 7,15 Streets of London 7,30 Cmmbus 9,15 Off the Shalf 9,30 Vintage Chart Show 9,10 Pause for Thought 9,15 International Question Time 10,05 Business 10,15 What's That You're Eating 10,30 BBC English 10,45 Sport 11,30 Ommibus 12,30pm Jazz Expo 1,05 Business 1,15 Britain Today 1,30 Seven Days 1,45 Sport 3,05 Outlook 3,30 My Generation 4,05 Seven 4,15 On You Sabet 4,30 Tempor 1,475 S. Business Sport 4.15 On Your Behalf 4.30 Tommy Vance 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Seven Days 6.45 Sport 7.30 Counterpoint 8.01 Outbook 8.26 Paluse for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 10.05 Business 16.15 Brit 10.30 Reports from the Silk Road 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 A Gry in the Dark 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 Live from the Archive 3.30 On Screen 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

Mark Griffiths 7.00 Miles Read 10.00 H 1,00pm Concerto. Dame Ethyl Smyth (Concerto for Violin, Horn and Orchestra); Litottf (Concerto Sintonique No 2 m B minor Op 22) 3,00 Jame Crick 7,00 Newsnight 7,30 Sonata minor Op 22) 3.00 Jame Crick 7.00 Newshight 7.30 Sonata Brahms (Clarinet Sonata in E flat Op 120 No 2) 8.00 Evening Concert Schubert (Marches No 1 in D and No 2 in G); Mozari (String Quintet No 1 in B list); Besthoven (Quintet for Plano and Winds in E flat Op 15); Schubert (Death and the Meiden) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyls (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes C.P.E. Bach (Harpsichord Concerto in D. W18); Strauss (Symphonic Farlasy Die Frau ohne Schatten); Tchalkovsky (Pezzo Capriccioso in B minor, Op 62); Sibelius (Symphony No 7)

9.00 Moming Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Weber, orch Berlioz (Invitation to the Dance); Haydin (Piano Trio in G. HXV 32); Loswe (Die Wandelinde Glocke: Gottes ist der Orient); Debussy (Suite Bergamasque)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Piers Burton-Page. Includes Mozart (Serenade in D. K239); Brahms (Two Motets, Op 29); Reger (Concerto in the Olden Style, Op 123); Bach (Italian Concerto in F. BWV971); Jenacek (Viofin Sonata); Haydin (Symphony No 48 in C. Maria Theresia)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Mildos Rozza. Introduced by Roderic Dunnett

1.00pm News; Rites of Spring, BBC Luncitime

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Concert live from St John's Smith Square, London
BBC Singers, BBC Symphony Orchestra, under
Alexander Titov Stravinsky (Concerto in E flat,
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Concertantes)
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2.00 Visitors to the Proms. Alexander Toradze, plan Rotterdam Philharmonic, under Valery Gerglev. Debussy (The Martyrdom of St Sebastian, excepts); Prokoflev (Piano Concerto No 2); Stravinsky (The Firebird) (r)

3.45 Everything but the Crazythouse. See Choice 4.15 The Praetorius Family. John Scott performs a programme of organ music by members of this dynasty, includes Hieronymous Praetorius (Magnificat Sexti Torit, Vezilla Regis); Jacob Praetorius (Praeambulum ex F; Vater Unser); Michael Praetorius (En Feste Burg)

5.00 Music Machine: Junk Week. Luke Cresswell meets musicians who invent and make their own

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5.15 in Tune, with Chris de Souza, Includes Balekirev (The Spirmer); Beethoven (Variations on an Original Theme in C minor, WoO 80); Liszi (Plano Concerto in E fait)

7.30 Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, Anthony Halstead conducts the wind soloists in a concert at St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, Mozart (Serenade in E fait, K375); 8.00 History and Heritage, with the historian Rephael Samuel (r) 8.20 Concert, part 2. Mozart (Serenade in B fait for 13 Wind Instruments, K361)

9.20 The Undertaking. The first of five programmes in which the American poet Thomas Lynch talks about his work as an undertaker in a small town in Michigan.

Michigan
9.35 No Joke. A selection of 20th-century works for the

9.35 No Joke. A selection of 20th-century works for the viola. With the BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Andrew Davis Includes Bridge (Allegro Appassionato); Hindernith (Trauermusik)
10.00 Volces. The first of two programmes in which the Welsh tenor Dennis O'Neill performs songs by Vancenzo Bellini. Accompanied by the planist tourid Surgeon.

Ingrid Surgenor

10.45 Mbdng It. Mark Russell and Robert Sandall
introduce highlights from the second of this year's
LMC/New Aura concerts at the Purcell Room in
London, From Scotland Richard Youngs and Brian London. From Scotland Richard Youngs and press
Lavelle play for-fildrones and loops; from New York
and Tokyo come the power trio Death Ambient
11.30 Composer of the Week: Amy Beach (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather. Includes
a look at the work of the arranger Gary McFartand
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macked

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, including Sports News and Thought for the Day 8.58 Weather
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Melvyn Bragg and guests
10.00 News; The Lipman Test (FM). The last in the series which takes a look at the British at Play
10.00 Dally Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Women's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 Money Box Live. Vincent Duggleby takes isteners' cals on financial matters
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Brain of Britain. A new series of the nationwide general knowledge quiz chaired by Robert Robinson. Round one: London and the Home Counties 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Rocco Don't Est Greens, by Nick Pullen. A comedy about a man who shares his mind with an invented character celled Johnny Rocco. Starting Bill Wallis and Richard Pearce (r)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift. Lively debate with Laurie Taylor and guests

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4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Lynne Walker looks
behind the scenes at the London Colliseum as the
ENO considers moving. Plus the critic Michael
Billington reports on how it feels to be a director of

a play by Harold Pinter

5 Short Story: The Bends. Written by Times Iterary
editor: Erica Wagner and read by Saira Todd, The
story of a young American who attracts the
attention of a thatcher (f)

5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Chartie Lee-Potter 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weether 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The News Quiz. The topical comedy show with chairman Simon Hoggart and panellists Jererny Hardy. Andy Kershaw and Times columnists John Dtamond and Alan Coren (f) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r) 7.45 The Monday Play: Death of an Unimportant Pope, by Wally K. Daly. Was Pope John Paul I murclered and it so, who would it have benefited? With Geoffrey Whitehead, Keith Drinkel, Sob Sherman and Sean Baker 9.15 Bottoms, Beaks, Belizes and Fest. A four-part celebration of our bodily extremities. With Caroline Saril (r) 9.30 Kaleidoscopp (r) 9.50 Montants.

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9.30 Kaledoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Go-Between.

LP, Hartley's classic story of deception and the destruction of childhood innocence as a schnolbov is forced to deliver love letters. Read!

cestruction of childhood innocence as a schoolboy is lorced to deliver love latters. Read by John Rowe (1/10) (r)

11.00 The Living World. Lionel Kelleway visits the muddy Exe estuary to join the oystercatchers and avocets (5/5) (r)

11.30 Colvil and Scenes. Christopher Lee's story of two intelligence officers investigating the 11.30 Corvil and soames. Constopner Lee's story or two intelligence officers investigating the suspicious death of an elderly priest. With Amanda Rechman. Dudley Sutton and Christopher Benjamin (2/6) (f) 12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather

12.00 retries that 12.27 and approx visualization 12.30 am Late Book: Going to Meet the Man, by James Beldwin. Read by Paul Winfield (1/2) (r) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1, FM 97.5-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 86.0-90.2. RADIO 3, FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.8; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55em). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane

Blair facts of a Major welcome

THE newly launched Real Business magazine this month includes a letter from John Major, welcoming the publication. On Downing Street headed notepaper, the Prime Minister writes: "I am delighted to welcome the publication of Real Business. Small and medium-sized enterprises are the bedrock of the economy." Surprisingly, I can't find a similar missive from Tony Blair in the glossy. Maybe his invitation to comment, delivered from Caspian Publishing's office in Millbank Tower to Labour's war room on the floor below, was lost along the way.

EMPLOYEES at the BBC are



Marathon man

Paul Burden.

AN UPDATE on the saga at Commercial Union, where two directors almost came to blows trying to secure a place

is just not big enough for

both Sarah Coburn and

on the firm's yacht sailing in the BT Global Challenge. Ian Reynolds, managing director of CU Life, came up trumps for the "Directors' Leg" from Wellington to Sydney. Cees Schrauwers, managing director of CU Non-Life, will not to be outdone. He is running in the London Marathon.

Cabinet continuity

WHATEVER the outcome of the election, I am assured that Humphrey, the Cabinet cat, will be in the safest of hands.

David Simpson, chief executive of Petplan, is still recovering from the last time the moggy went astray. The Cab-inet cat has been insured by us for many a year. We were very pleased when he was recovered, otherwise we would have had a major claim."

DEMAND

1997-2016 deliveries of

aircraft larger than 747

(1,440 aircraft)

superjumbo work. In Europe,

the first partners have been

found. Agreements were struck with Fokker Aviation.

Belairbus and Finavitec, Talks

with Saab are said to be

advanced. And Alenia, al-

ready Airbus's closest outside

partner, wants an 8 to 10 per

These companies are midg-

ets compared with the Airbus

owners. To gain real outside

expertise and extra access to

world markets, the consor-

tium must look further afield.

America is an obvious, if

Airbus said about North

America: "Discussions with

several companies are under

way with a potential cumula-

tive programme share of 10-15

per cent." Lockheed Martin is

one of the makers courted, but

the White House will want to

be an Asian company. Techni-

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but Asia has the world's fastest

The real prize catch would

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Rest of world

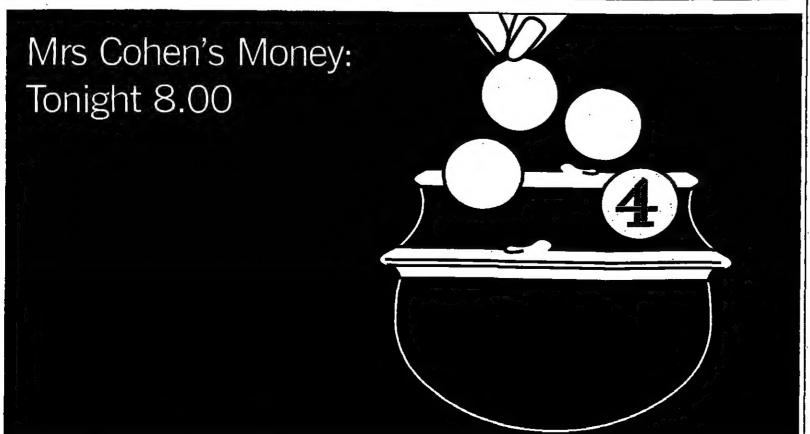
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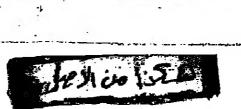
to having the nightmare of printing a huge mailing and then discovering a spelling mistake. Six in ten admit to having printed countless copies instead of one.

FIGHTS over the office fax machine are as regular as the rush for the door at the end of the day. A hefty 76 per cent of employees admit to losing

THE Barclay Brothers are keeping the Palm Court at Piccadilly's Ritz Hotel open to catch the general election result. Die hard politicos will be charged £35 a head for a buffet. Two huge screens will be tuned to BBC.

MORAG PRESTON





Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin

we had a drama trial hinged on a commode? A while, I'll warrant. And not just any commode, this was a commode meticulously and consistently shorn of its defining article...well, most of it anyway. ly shorn of This was recommode.

"Did you put her on rcommode?" asked somebody important at Skelthwaite Medical Centre, as episode one of Where the Heart Is (ITV) reached a climax that I for one had not been expecting. "Aye. I put her on t'com-mode," said District Nurse Peggy Snow, played by Pam Ferris, who already caused a stir by wearing a track suit. But I'm straying; back to t'commode.

-Did Mrs Hutton ask to be put on t'commode?" demanded important person. Now, this was unlikely as Mrs Hutton was dying a horrible death at the time and temmode was probably the last

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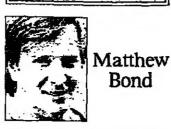
Tow long has it been since thing on her mind. At least I hope of All Creatures Great and Small we had a drama that it was - too awful to think that her very last thought on earth was "] must go to t'commode". Her husband, however, did have an inkling that this might be an old district nurse trick to hasten the end of the terminally ill. Why are you putting her on t'commode?" There was a brief but fatal pause (it's all right, there was a brief but heavily pregnant pause just seconds later, life goes on you know). Teommode had done thrick.

Somewhere, I suspect, there is already a tape of out-takes from this very northern drama, with the likes of Ferris and her co-star Sarah Lancashire apologising to each other in their best theatrical tones: "Sorry darling, afraid I said the. Can we go again?" Aye, 'appen we can.

Accents apart, the series is a fairly cynical amalgam of others that have gone before - the storylines of Peak Practice, the scenery

and the uniforms and sensible shoes of The District Nurse, But Ferris is as good as ever (Lancashire spent most of last night's episode giving birth, so it was difficult to judge her contribution), is ably assisted by Tony Haygarth as her husband; and if the supporting performances are up to the standard set by Andrew Readman ("I know what you did, you put my mother on t'commode") then it could be around for a lot longer than six episodes.

nother triumph of drama over dialogue was The Ice House (BBCI, Saturday and Sunday). Hugely distinguished cast, hugely expensive-looking production values but every now then a line so awful you couldn't believe anybody had actually uttered it. You know what it reminds me of?" mused the charmless Chief Inspector Walsh (Corin REVIEW



Redgrave working hard, but still sounding very like Chief Inspector Wexford) as he surveyed the decomposed body. "The bones on a breast of lamb ... after my wife has skimmed the meat off ... with a sharp knife.

Bond

But I think my favourite was "walk through the main house until you reach the West wing" a line which gloriously celebrated the fact that while country houses

chock full of lesbians these days, some things in murder mysteries never change. Like the pub falling silent when somebody new walks in. Honestly it did, twice.

What saved it from being total hokum (never can so many policeman have raked so many small patches of lawn for so long) was the quality of the acting and the unlikely but engaging attraction between Anne Cattrell (Kitty Aldridge) and DS McLoughlin (Daniel Craig). Cattrell turned out only to be pretending to be a lesbian, which left me a little confused as to what she was doing at the Grange in the first place, but was terribly convenient if you were a newly separated detective sergeant who fancied her.

Last night's denouement was, quite properly, in the drawing room, with all manner of potential suspects arriving, as tradition dictates, through the French win-

plot had been explained to them all, that just left a neat little twist in the wine cellar and a handful of loose ends. Such as, why did nobody fancy Frances Barber?

aturday night saw Gaby Roslin do just about enough to rescue her career with Whatever You Want (BBCI). It was deeply unambitious, totally harmless and a modest amount of fun. Another way of putting it would be Jim'll Fix It but without the bathos . . . most of it, anyway. Drawing on her considerable reserves of sincerity, enthusiasm and niceness, Roslin fixed it for a grown-up to go swimming with

dolphins, an unsuccessful under-Its football team to go training with Bobby Robson in Barcelona (I hope that she also fixed it for Robson to keep his job long enough) and for an excited teenager to step out with teen heart-throb. Sean

dows. Once the rather complex McGuire. But the best part - or certainly the spookiest part - was the opening contest between three forthright girls who desperately wanted to be famous. It was won by a girl who could have been Roslin's twin sister. Scary, huh?

Finally, Family Money (Channel 4) came to a bizarre end, hampered - as it was from the start - by two things. First was the channel's blinkered decision to put it out against established audiencepullers on both ITV and BBCl and second was a curious lack of narrative tension. There were all these wonderful characters (I shall miss Delia and Ela particularly). all these wonderful actors giving splendid performances, but almost no story (or certainly none interesting enough) to take us from one week to the next. The house story petered out, the murder story petered out and eventually Fran (Claire Bloom) petered off to Islamabad. As I say, bizarre.

BBC1 5.00am Business Breakfast (11533) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (16991) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (8186755) 9.20 Style Challenge (3607620)

9.45 Kilroy (T) (2242668) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (51991) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4858303) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (9228194) 11.35 Change That (6659668)

12.00 News (T) and weather (4452571) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (5004200) 12.35 Good Living Presented by Jane Asher (9835571)

1.00 News (T) and weather (26378) 1,30 Regional News (50472755) 1.45 The Weather Show (39963262) 1.50 Neighbours (1) (22890910) 2.15 Quincy (3905823) 3.00 Through the Keyhole New series with

David Frost (2129) 3.30 Playdays (r) (6140281) 3.50 The New Yogi Bear Show (6877939) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (r) (6380858) 4.10 Casper. New saries (8230571) 4.35 50/50 New game show for two teams of 50 from schools across the country (1) (7562571) 5.00 Newsround (1) (5213620) 5.10 Blue Peter (1) (9835561)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (695755) 6.00 News (T) and weather (910)

6.30 Regional news magazines (T) (262) 7.00 Auntie's TV Favourites New series. Sieve Wright Introduces features on some of the BBC's most popula

programmes and celebrities (T) (4910) 7.30 Here and Now A police task force set up to tackle the growing multimillion-pound trade in counterfeit luxury goods. John Walters searches for Britain's champion quiz show contestant. (T) (674)

8.00 EastEnders Tony puts the past behind him and makes a leash start at the Waltord Gazette (1) (3858)

8.30 Panorama: The Leader Interview in the first of four live election programmes, the Labour Party leader Tony Blair is interviewed by David Dimbleby (T) (9465) 9.00 News (T) regional news and weather

10.00 Patriot Games (1992) with Harrison Ford, Sean Bean, Anne Archer and Patrick Bergin, A termer CIA agent on holiday in Britain foils an IRA attack on a member of the Royal Family, killing one of the terrorists in the process, and soon finds himself caught in a deadly game of cat and mouse. Directed by Noyce (T) (366842)

11.50 Film 97 with Barry Norman includes reviews of The People vs Larry Flynt, Fever Pitch, based on Nick Hornby's book, and Turbutence Woody Allen talks about his first musical, Everyone Says I Love You (T) (731991)

12.20am They Call Me Mister Tibbs! (1970) Sichey Politer reprises his in the Heat of the Night role as Detective Virgil Tibbs, this time investigating the murder of a prostitute and trying to clear a close fitend of the crime. Directed by Gordon Douglas (T) (195934) 2.05 Weather (3366885)

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BBC2

6.00am Learning to Learn (2482261) 6.25 Open University. Science Skills (2574216) 6.50 A School for Our Times? (2726213) 7.15 See Hear Breaklast News (T) (8286194) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (n) (4377649) 7.55 Blue Peter (n) (T) (5862823) 8.20 Secret Life of Toys (n) (3354842) **8.35** The Raccoons (i) (9080281) **9.00** Cartoon (2213587) **9.10** Enchanted Tales (r) (8815939) 10.00 Teletubbies (56741) 10.30 The Young Indians Jones Chronicles (T) (1389910) 11.15 Alas Smith and Jones (r) (3178246) 12.05pm The Flintstones (r) (9545465) 12.30 Working Lunch (69705) 1.00 Secret Life of Toys (r) (12544718) 1.15 Mr Zoggs Clothes (r) (22618668)

1.25 The Letter (1940, b/w) with Bette Davis Herbert Marshell and James Stephenson. A woman shools an alleged intruder on her husband's rubber plantation, but incominating evidence soon emerges that suggests it may in lact have been a cold-blooded murder. Directed by William Wyler (74489674)

3.00 News (T) (7756668) 3.05 The Natural World: Argentina (r) (T) (9059303) 3.55 News (T) 4.00 Blockbusters (6957129) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (6950216) 4.55 Esther. The future of marriage (9953649) 5.30 Today's the Day (939) 6.00 The Simpsons (T) (685804)

6.25 Space Precinct (r) (T) (719397) 7.10 Electric Circus With the actor Mark

7.30 The Sci Files How the ambitious Human Genome Project to map every gene in the world has fallen toul of commercial 7.58 Video Nation Election Shorts (499649)

8.00 Top Gear Motorsport The Portuguese leg of the World Rally Championship (T) (1200) B.30 The Antiques Show (1/8) Francine Stock visits everything from car boot sales to major London auctions, while dealer David

Dickinson provides invaluable tips on snapping up bargains (T) (7007) 9.00 The Outer Limits Sci-fi drama (T)



Jason Hughes, Amita Dhiri (9.45pm)

9.45 This Life Miles advertises in a lonely hearts column (T) (911945) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (47194) 11,30 The Kingdom (3/5) Offbeat hospital

drama. In Danish with English subtitles (712216)12.25am Weather (3465427)

12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone Portuguese Voyages of Discovery (60175) 1.00 Crossing the Border (34311) 1.30 Modern Art: Rodin (80088) 2.00 Language Season (27137) 4.00 Italia 2000 (93137) 4.30 Royal Institute 2000 (93137) **4.30** Royal Institute Discourse(22576) **5.00** RCN Nursing

HTV

6.00em GMTV (6856216) 9.25 Chain Letters (1) (3622939) 9.55 Regional News (T) (2744026) 10.00 The Time, the Place (56787)

10.30 This Morning (T) (61277587) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (4458755) 12.30 News (T) (9838668)

12.55 Special Report. Three leenagers recount their personal battles against cancer (9919587) **1.25 Home and Away** (T) (64208262) **1.50** Murder, She Wrole (r) (1475552) **2.40** Savannah (r) (9242262)

3.20 News (T) (7836858) 3.25 Regional News (T) (7835129)

3.30 Tots TV (r) (6209939) 3.40 Caribou kitchen (9850194) 3.50 Donald Duck (6155113) 4.10 Sooty's Amazing Adventures (9118736) 4.20 Snap (1) (6875571) 4.50 The Big Bang, New series, more magic and things to make (T) (1739620) 5.10 Sorted Discussion programme aimed at

teenagers (1695939) 5.40 News (T) and weather (838533) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (785858)

6.25 HTV Weather (598939)

6.30 HTV News (T) (858) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? Ann Bryson cruises around the Far East; Juditt Chairners visits Nerja in Spain, a quiet spot on the Costa del Sol; and Julian Ballantyne tries out an activity holiday in Perthshire (1) (6378)

7.30 Coronation Street Will Derek make it to Mavis's birthday party? (T) (84 8.00 World in Action An investigation of the pensions industry (T) (5026)



8.30 Kavanagh QC: The Ties that Bind Kavanagh lights on behalf of a young man brutally killed, in a rare privat prosecution for murder. With John Thaw and Eddie Marsan (T) (82692)

10.00 News (T) and weather (78668) 10.30 Regional News (T) (331755) 10.40 The West Story Families speak about

the long-term effects of bullying (842910) Candy, Jeffrey Jones and Annie Potts. An 11.10 Who's Harry Crumb (1989) with John a kidnapper Directed by Paul Flaherty

12,35am Football Extra (3239601) 1.25 Mainly Men (7864779) 1,55 Planet Rock Profiles (3226175)

2.25 Club Nation (f) (5282717) 3.25 God's Gift (r) (4723040) 4.20 Sound Bites (94843798)

4.30 World in Action (1) (1) (42330) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (11972) 5.30 News (88069) THE SATERINE AND CABLE

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9919587) 1.50 Blue Heelers (2473397) 2,50-3.20 High Road (5184858) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1695939) 6,25-7.00 Central News (131084)

10.40 Film: Psycho IV: The Beginning (16706216) 12.30am Sound Bites (5943750) 12.40 Football Extra (4372175) 1.25 Stand and Deliver (1702048) 2.25 Film: The Trap (776205) 4.25 Central Jobfinder '97 (4298866)

5.20 Asian Eye (2541779)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (2133910) 1.20-1.50 High Road (70805910) 2.45 Cheep and Cheerful (824649) 5,10-5.40 Home and Away (1695939) 6,00-7.00 Westcountry Live (19200) 10.40 A Tale of Three Farms (842910) 11.10 Special Report (796668) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (632026)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9919587) 1.50 Down by the River (24634692) 2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (1312736) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1695939) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (378)

6.30-7.00 Country Ways (858) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (322007) 10.45 Seven Days — an Election Special (441945) 11.15 The Pier (929741)

11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (899484) 5.00am Freescreen (11972)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9919587) 1.50 Blue Heelers (2473397) 2.50-3.20 Jungle on Your Doorstep (5184858)

5,10-5,40 Shortland Street (1695939) 6.25-7,00 Anglia News (131084) 10.30 Anglia News and Weather (322007) 10.45 Film: Gregory's Girl (16705587)

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CHANNEL 4

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12.00 Right to Reply (r) (68281) 12.30pm Light Lunch Chai, cookery and

audience participation, with Mel Giedroyc, Sue Perkins and guests 1,30 Pharmacist (1933, b/w) A W.C Fields short (22889804)

1.50 The River's Edge (1957) with Ray filland, Anthony Quinn and Debra Paget.

A chase thniker about a thiet forcing a border guard and his wife to lead him over the mountains to Mexico directed by Allan Dwan (T) (42955668) 3.30 Collectors' Lot. From a 16th-century hal

in East Anglia (T) (736) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (T) (571) 4.30 Countdown (T) (755) 5.00 Montel Williams (T) (7484) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (197) 6.00 The Cosby Show (T) (620)

6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (200) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (744378) 7.50 Thatcher's Children (T) (409026) 8.00 Mrs Cohen's Money: Investment A new six-part

series tooking at the world of personal finance (T) (3668) 8.30 Brookside The first of this week's live episodes of the Merseyside soap Max and Susanneh face a tragedy that will change their lives forever (1) (6303)



Dr Aneez Esmail (9.00pm)

9.00 The Surgery A fly-on-the-wall documentary series about three Manchester GPs (1/3) (T) (1397) 10.00 Dark Sides Officeat science fiction

drama series (T) (4484) 11.00 Armstrong and Miller Wacky comedy sketches from Alexander Armstrong and Ben Miller

11.45 Plasticine People: Sales Pitch Animation (r) (53653 11.55 Midnight Special New discussion senes chaired by Vincent Hanna (440259)

1.25am Triumph of the Nerds (1/3) (r) (T) (7007430) 2.25 Forever, Lulu (1987) with Hanna Schygulia, Deborah Harry and Alec Baldwin. The story of an immigrant in America who loses control and goes on a

rampage in New York. Directed by Amos

Kolleck (749311) 4.00 Grampian Sheepdog Trials (r) (19861330) 4.25 From Belrut to Bosnia with Robert Fisk

(1/3) (r) (4243330) 5.25-6.00 Beckdate (r) (T) (7123953)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 am 5 News Early (7915736) 7.30 Havakazoo (2035194)

8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol 8.30 Wideworld Stephen Cole presents the first in a series exploring where the power really lies within the Government of the United States (2652194)

9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine

10.00 Exclusive (r) 10.30 Attractions (r) (2745858)

11.50 Double Espresso (45539587) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful A scap set in Los Angeles (T) (2656910) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9547026)

11.00 Leeza Chat show (9892842)

1.00 5 News Update (92560262) 1.06 Sunset Beach (T) (6662736) 2.00 5's Company. Guests, competitions, comedy and music (\$273561)

3.30 The Wacklest Ship in the Army (1960) with Jack Lemmon and Ricky Nelson. A comedy about the incompetent crew of a gunship providing an escort through Japanese-held Pacific waters. Directed by Richard Murphy (4540465)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14420571) 5.30 100 Per Cent (1682129)

6.00 Whittle Quiz show with audience participation (T) (1509842) 6.30 Family Attairs The Hart children take advantage of their parents' absence. Jamie gets a shock when he walks in on his grandfather (f) (1590194)

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7.00 Exclusive Showbiz megazine (1417378) 7.30 Serengett Safari: The Long-Legged Marching Eagle The secretary bird, a long-legged bird of prey with a penchar for stamping on poisonous snakes (T)

B.00 Hot Property Senes about the housing market. A gay couple view three Bristol properties (T) (1426028)

8,30 5 News with Kirsty Young and Rob Butler



Christopher Lambert stars (9.00pm)

9.00 Highlander (1986) with Christopher Lambert, Sean Connery and Roxanne Hart. A swashbuckling fantasy in which immortals continue to bettle as they are transported through different ages. Directed by Russell Mulcahy (1013465) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy. The guests are Eric Hall and John Thompson (7345197)

11.40 We Know Where You Live Irreverent comedy sketches (2707200) 12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine, Includes action from the

Winter X Games at 2.00 (39423971) 4.40 Prisoner; Cell Block H (6722601) 5.30-6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (5600682)

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SKY 1 6.00mm Morning Glory (761939) 9.00 Regis B.00am Morning Glory (761939) 9.00 Regis and Kathle Lee (81804) 10.00 Another World (73200) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (60796) 12.00 The Oprah Winhay Show (36194) 1.00pm Geraldo (45842) 2.00 Salfy Jessy Raphael (45842) 3.00 Jenny Jones (52668) 4.00 Oprah with the Stars (37303) 5.00 Star Treis: The Next Generation (8755) 6.00 Rea Tv (7945 6.30 Marked — with Children (5397) 7.00 The Simpsons (9484) 7.30 M*A*S*H (4281) 8.00 Springhill (88571) 10.00 Nash Bnidges (7475) 11.00 Seima Scott (32804) 11.30 Star Treis: The Next Generation (82829) 12.30am LAPD (94779) 1.00 Ht Mat Lone Play (8569330) (84779) 1.00 Hit Max Long Play (8569330) SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (4747397) 7.30 Superboy (3490194) 8.00 Star Trei: Voyag-er (1862910) 9.00 Poltergest. The Legacy (1955674) 10.00 The Cuter Limits (1852533) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (8377755) 12.00 Hrt Mix Long Play (9435408)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week SKY MOVIES

6.00sm Mr Minic (1950) (64718) 8.00
Fate is the Hunter (1964) (341939) 10.30
Bigger Than Life (1965) (86442) 12.30pm
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5.00 Ice Castles (1979) (37636) 7.00 Alt
She Ever Wanted (1996) (7013) 9.00
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Terminal Valocity (1994) (7036692)
11.45 Once a Third (1997) (42077)
12.35sm James Clevel's Tal-Pen (1996)
177799750) 2.40 Fate is the Hunter (1964)
(308788)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6,00am The Joy of Living (1938) (86175904) 7.35 Joe at the Kingdom of the Beec (1972) (8082904) 8.40 Shelfs (1950) (2943842) 10.10 The Emand Boy (1961) (49113129) 12.00 One Cooks, the Other Doesn't (1983) (271858) 1.50pm

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Story (1966) (17261) (10.00 Wes Craven's
New Nightmare (1994) (630623) 11.55
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and Stiggs (1984) (790205) 4.55 Sign of
Four (1993) (7904311)

SKY MOVIES GOLD 6.00em Cast a Glant Shedow (1965) (536) 7007 8.20 The Golden Child (1986) (26224736) 10.00 Rollerhall (1975) (6494281) 12.10pm Can't Stop the slucic (1980) (32074088) 2.15 And Now for Something Completely Different (1972) (3142514) 3.45-5.30 Love is a Millery Solendowrid Thina (1985)

9.00pm Sweet Bird of Youth (1962) (69831194) 11.00 The Asphalt Jungle (1980) (96318200) 12.55am Each Dawn I Die (1839) (90175296) 2.25-5.00 Sweet Bird of Youth (1962) (15314021)

7.00cm World Sport Special (74115) 7.30
Beach Volleyball (55484) 8.30 Racing News (29755) 8.00 World of Speed and Beauty (14007) 9.30 Aerobus Oz Style (50397) 10.00 Rugby League (30533) 12.00 Aerobias Oz Style (27571) 12.30pm Fod-ball Coce-Cole Cup Final (8552) 2.00 Futbol Mundial (6552) 2.30 World Motor Sport (94858) 4.00 Rugby Union Wasps v Beth (2902) 6.00 Sports Centre (42621 6.30 Tarian Edita (8842) 7.00 Leeds United V Backburn Rovers — Live (1267533) 10.30 Sports Centre (42020) 11.00 Tarian Edita (87378) 11.30 High 5 (85571) 12.00 Leeds Spons Centre (4203) 11.00 12.00 Leeds (8/378) 11.30 High 5 (85571) 12.00 Leeds United v Blackburn Rovers (99798) 2.00em-2.30 Spons Centre (65359) SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 High Five (93619113) 12.30pm US Soit Freeport McDemott Classic 48833623) 2.30 World Sport Special 42531910) 3.00 International Crickel — Live (48967561) 10.00 High Five (93610842) 10.30-11.30 Sports Unlimited 10.00 High Five EUROSPORT

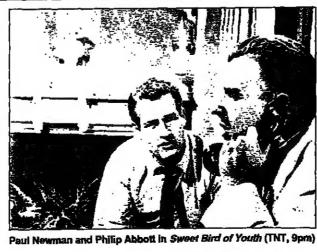
7.30am Rally Raid (17668) 8.00 Cycling (19718) 9.00 Speed Skating (68904) 11.00

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7.00am Tellysfack (1580026) 7.35 Neighbours (5224303) 8.00 Crossroeds (3159620) 8.25 EastEnders (5590842) 9.00 The Bill (2889002) 9.30 Don't Wat Up (315920) 8.28 EastEnders (639981) 9.40 The Bit (2889002) 9.30 Don't War. Up (8707723) 10.00 Never the Twan (4222796) 10.30 The Sullivans (7130754) 11.00 Cassualty (8388485) 12.05pm Crossroads (22054086) 12.30 Neighbours (5558259) 1.00 EastEnders (8577939) 1.35 The Did Finery Show (1263638) 2.10 A Driddy Bit of Dodd (11968663) 2.20 Fairly Secret Army (8476113) 2.55 'Alio 'Alio' (3188256) 3.30 The Bit (2202823) 4.00 Ali Greatures Great and Small (5073649) 5.00 Generation Game (30174842) 6.05 EastEnders (498825.2) 8.40 Are You Bering Screed (1983194) 7.20 Russ Abbot (5989910) 7.55 What a Carry Ori (475500) 8.30 '9 Park Avenue (83281129) 10.25 The Bit (3587887) 11.30 Dr Who Christots (70883804) 2.10em Shopping al Night (81247779) GRANADA PLUS

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Astra to offer emergency satellite for digital TV

BY ERIC REGULY

SES, the Luxembourg company that owns the Astra satellites, has told BSkyB that its plans for digital television need not be jeopardised by the delay in launching the satellite that was to transmit the new channels.

The start of digital is now more likely to depend on the formation of a joint company designed to finance

the set-top boxes that viewers will need to get access to the channels.

BSkyB learned recently that the Astra 2A satellite, made by the Hughes Corporation of the United States, will not be put into orbit until October, two months later than scheduled, meaning that it will not become operational until December at the earliest. BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, has said that it wants to start the channels in

the autumn. SES, whose shareholders include Pearson, owner of the Financial Times, said it will find capacity on other Astra satellites if BSkyB wants to go ahead before December. The Astra IG satellite, to be launched in early August, could provide a temporary home. An SES spokesman said: "It is Sky's intention to launch its digital package before the

end of the year, and the 2A delay will not interfere in that."

The 200 or so digital channels will give viewers an unprecedented viewing choice, from continuously shown films to pay-per-view sport-ing events. BSkyB customers will require a digital set-top box, which is expected to sell for about £200 in high street electronics outlets.

BSkyB has not ordered the one million set-top boxes and is unlikely

negotiations to create the £600 million Interactive Services Com-

Isco is being formed to subsidise the price of the set-top boxes. In exchange, its probable investors — BSkyB, British Telecom, Midland Bank and Matsushita, the Japanese electronics company that owns the Panasonic brand - are to share in the income generated by the interactive services made possible by the boxes. BT would not comment on the negotiations, which are thought to be moving slowly. BSkyB would say only that Isco's formation "is closer than you think".

BT is expected to be the largest Isco investor. It could profit from Isco by supplying phone connections that would allow subscribers to commu-nicate with providers of home banking and home shopping services.

US opens way for cheaper Zantac

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE cost of Zantac, the world's bestselling pre-scription ulcer drug, could fall by up to 50 per cent this summer after a US Court.

of Appeals ruling. Novopharm, the Canadian-owned pharmaceutical company, was given the go-ahead this week-end to sell a generic equivalent of Zantac, which has worldwide annual sales worth more than \$2 billion, in late July.
Glaxo Wellcome, the ri-

val pharmaceutical group, holds two US patents for manufacturing Zantac, known professionally as ranitidine hydrochloride. The patent for Form I was due to expire in December 1995 but this was pro-longed by a 20-month patent extension granted under Gatt guidelines. The patent for Form 2 expires in 2002. In the US court case Glazo Well-come claimed that by producing Form I when it ran out of patent Novopharm would infringe on Form 2.

in a 23-page ruling the US Appeals Court upheld an earlier district court ruling. It added: "Glaxo failed to prove infringement by a preponderance of evidence."

Jacques Messier, president and chief operating officer of Novopharm. which specialises in making "generic" drugs, said yesterday: The patent for Zantac's Form I runs out on July 25 and on July 26 our product will be there. In such cases we sell products that are anywhere between 30 to 50 per

cent less expensive."
Glaxo Wellcome said yesterday that it had already factored in the cost Zantac. Last month the group said US sales of the drug could fall by up to 80 per cent in the year starting July 26. This forecast was a worst-case scenario, however. US sales of Zantac (ast year declined 14 per cent to £1 billion, equivalent to 54 per cent of the drug's global sales and 23 per cent of Glaxo's

overall revenue.

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Labour ready to carry out Revenue sale

By JASON NISSÉ

THE Labour Party is plan-ning to go ahead with a government scheme to sell off the Inland Revenue's 450 offices, which occupy 14 million square feet of office space, in a £2.5 billion privatisation.

Deloitte & Touche, the accountant, is close to completing an evaluation of the project, which will be structured in a similar way to the sales of the Department of Social Security estate, due to be completed in

July. Several bidders — including Nomura, the Japanese house that led the £1.6 billion deal to buy the Ministry of Defence married quarters - have already expressed interest in the Revenue sale. This could bring an immediate £500 million into the Exchequer and be worth as much as £2 billion over the next 20 years.

The Revenue confirmed that an evaluation process is going on but said no decision would ken until the second half of this year.

A Revenue sell-off could lead to further property privatisations under Labour, including a review of the property needs of the Foreign Office. This would include selling off some British embassies and moving to less expensive accommodation. For instance, in Bangkok the em-

thought to be worth at least £100 million. The DSS privatisation,

called DSS Prime, was sup-posed to be completed this spring, but has been put on hold until after the election. The two remaining bidders are both led by American banks: Goldman Sachs and Nationsbank. They are to put in final offers at the end of May, with a decision made by mid-July.

It is expected that Labour will go ahead with Prime, so long as it considers the bids to be high enough. Harriet Harman, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, told The Times: "We are not opposed to public and private sector partnerships so long as they are in the public interest."

The Prime deal will bring an immediate payment of £250 million and generate savings of as much as £100 million a year for the next 20 years. The DSS occupies 700 sites and 18 million square feet of space around the country.

Although the Revenue estate is four million square feet smaller, it is considered much more valuable because a third of the estate is freehold and includes more attractive offices, such as its headquarters at Somerset House in central

London. Property experts believe that the Government may be able to demand an up-front payment of £500 million from any purchaser and will look for savings at least as high as those generated by

The Prime project is deemed part of the Government's Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and was born out of the idea that the private sector is much better than the public sector at

managing property.

Mike Kerr, a Deloitte partner working on Prime, said: "Government departments find it very difficult to look ahead. When offices become vacant it has been found that government departnments take much longer to get rid of the excess space than private

The decision to back Prime and the Revenue sell-off repre-sents an element of volte-face by the Labour Party, which had been critical of the policy of selling properties occupied government departments to the private sector. In particular. Labour attacked the sale of the MoD married quarters.

The MoD remains the largest government landowner. with an estate which includes millions of square feet of offices and large tranches of land in the west and south of England, Scotland and Germany. A project to value the MoD estate was started last year but is many months from completion.



Gordon Campbell, left, and Trevor Evans examine fabrics made from Tencel, developed by chemical engineers

Appliance of virtual science

GORDON CAMPBELL, president-elect of the Institute of Chemical Engineers, and Trevor Evans, its chief execu-tive, today mark the institute's 75th anniversary by launching a report calling for an electronically linked, multi-disciplin-

ary "virtual research school". The new kind of school would be designed to speed cooperative research and bring to competitive markets innovative products, such as colourful fabrics made from the Tencel fibre developed by chemists for Courtaulds, the chemicals group where Mr Campbell is

City expects rise in rates THE CITY is bracing itself for showing some evidence of interest rates will "certainly"

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

after the general election, with some economists predicting that rates will now need to rise as high as 8 per cent to head off inflationary pressures.

Roger Young, director-general of the Institute of Management, says that economic confidence is turning into over-confidence and that there about to "raise its ugly head".

are clear signs inflation is Mr Young's comments come as the Institute of Management publishes a report

a sharp rise in interest rates inflation feeding into the econ-need to rise to 7.5 per cent and omy, with 25 per cent of managers reporting a rise in prices for goods and services, an increase of 7 per cent over the previous quarter.

A separate report to be published later this week by Lehman Brothers argues that official figures have been underestimating recent growth and that in reality the economy has been growing at above per cent during the past three quarters.

The report concludes that

probably to 8 per cent to slow the economy.

The industrial production figures, due out on Wednesday, are expected to provide further evidence of the strength of the service sector. The consensus is that annual manufacturing output will rise from 1.6 per cent to only 1.7 per cent as exports are held back by the strong pound.

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BY JON ASHWORTH BRITISH business will soon

be waving the flag in Tokyo, Singapore and other exotic climes. Chay Blyth, the roundthe world yachtsman, is pioneering an initiative to turn international yacht racing into a prime commercial venture. Mr Blyth, who arrives in Cape Town today for the latest leg of the BT Global Challenge, has devised a Far Eastern package for companies looking to develop contacts in the region. The Asia Pacific Business Challenge, launched

racing, business forums and corporate entertainment. Commercial Union, BT and Group 4 Securitas are among companies to back Mr Blyth's Cornish company, The Challenge Business, which runs global yacht races. The new venture comprises ten regattas in key Far Eastern cities,

including Hong Kong, Taipei,

this week, will combine yacht



Kuala Lumpur. Each will last 15 days, with the first starting in Tokyo in March 1998. The schedule will include corporate hospitality, branding and marketing opportuni-

ties, sponsors' promotions.

business lunches, and evening

Blyth: ten regattas Bangkok, Brunei, Jakarta and

spectacle in countries where sailing is still a young and exciting sport. The highlight of each regatta will be a two-day racing programme for sponsors and their guests, followed by a prizewinners' party and tro-phy presentation. There will be a chance to sail between cities, with sailing times ranging from a few days to almost

> yacht sponsor, ensuring participation at each of the ten events, but companies can participate for as little as

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£18,000. Mr Blyth said he had been approached by enthusiasts, who felt the Asia Pacific was missing out on the excitement of round-the-world racing. Race organisers favour a route that takes in the southern oceans, where conditions are more challenging.

Blair seen as chief executive material

leader the business community would choose to become their own chief exective, according to a survey of British companies published today

(Alasdair Murray writes). The poll of 600 businesses. conducted by Reed Personnel Services, found that 40 per cent of respondents favoured Mr Blair ahead of John Major (36 per cent) and Paddy Ashdown (14 per cent). The Labour leader proved

most popular in the South, taking 47 per cent of the vote

compared with 29 per cent

who chose the Tory leader. But Mr Major triumphed in the North, taking 46 per cent of the vote against 24 per cent for Mr Blair. By sector, Mr Blair won most support among retail and distribution was the choice of the manufacturing sector.

The survey found that business personnel believe Mr Blair has a younger outlook and is open to change. Mr Major was regarded as honest and believable, while Mr Ashdown was credited with good man-management skills.



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